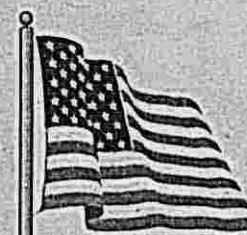


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WAUKEGAN

Ex-Grayslake teacher guilty of sex abuse

Glick faced 7-year prison term for six counts; gets 2 years probation, must register as offender

By KATHY GRESEY
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WAUKEGAN — A former Grayslake Community High School District 127 teacher pleaded guilty Oct. 3 to sexually abusing a female student.

Wisconsin resident Jason Glick, 37, was placed on two years probation after he pleaded guilty to aggravated criminal sexual abuse that involved a 17-year-old.

In addition to probation, Glick was ordered by 19th Circuit Court Judge James Booras to register as a sex offender.

Booras also prohibited the former English and drama teacher from having unsupervised contact with females ages 13 to 18, outside of his family; and leaving the states of Illinois and Wisconsin without permission.



Jason Glick
Former Grayslake High School teacher also no longer allowed to teach after molesting a 17-year-old student

Glick could have spent up to seven years in prison and paid up to \$25,000 in fines, had he been convicted after a trial of the six counts of aggravated criminal sexual abuse against him. He is no longer able to teach.

Assistant Attorney General Maria Kuriakos, said Glick was "in a position of authority and trust," when he had "inappropriate contact with the victim" that included e-mail and physical contact.

The sex-abuse incidents took place between December 2005 and

March 2006, she said.

The assistant attorney and defense attorney Elliot Pinsel worked with the 17-year-old victim's family to negotiate a guilty plea, which was found acceptable in court, Kuriakos said.

As part of that negotiation, Glick must contribute \$1,000 to the Child Advocacy Center in Lake County (for more about the center, see "Children's facility addresses sexual-abuse reports").

He can not have contact with the victim or her family.

Glick must also submit to any counseling and testing deemed necessary by probation officers. A sex offender evaluation will become part of his court file.

The former teacher was charged with aggravated criminal sexual abuse in April. He had resigned from District 127 in March.

Children's facility addresses sex-abuse reports

The Child Advocacy Center was created as the result of the Child Abuse Task Force, which took place in 1985.

Initiated by the state's attorney, the task force addressed the rise in child sexual-abuse reports. The findings of the task force mandated a new, multidisciplinary approach for responding to reports of child abuse.

In 1987, the Child Advocacy Center of Lake County opened in Waukegan. It then moved to 123 N. O'Plaine Road, in Gurnee.

The center's operation is a cooperative effort between the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, the Lake County Sheriff's Office, the Illinois State's Attorney and local law enforcement agencies. Its mission is carried out by a team of investigators, social workers, directors and support staff.

Committed to providing a safe environment for child victims of sexual assault and severe physical abuse, the center's goal is to investigate and assist the Illinois State's Attorney's Office in the prosecution of offenders, without causing further trauma to the child victim.

The Child Advocacy Center is dedicated to approaching victims of child abuse in a sensitive, respectful manner. For information, call the Child Advocacy Center at (847) 377-3155.

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Editor's Choice by Larry Lough

Local history in need of good home

About a month from now, the Lake
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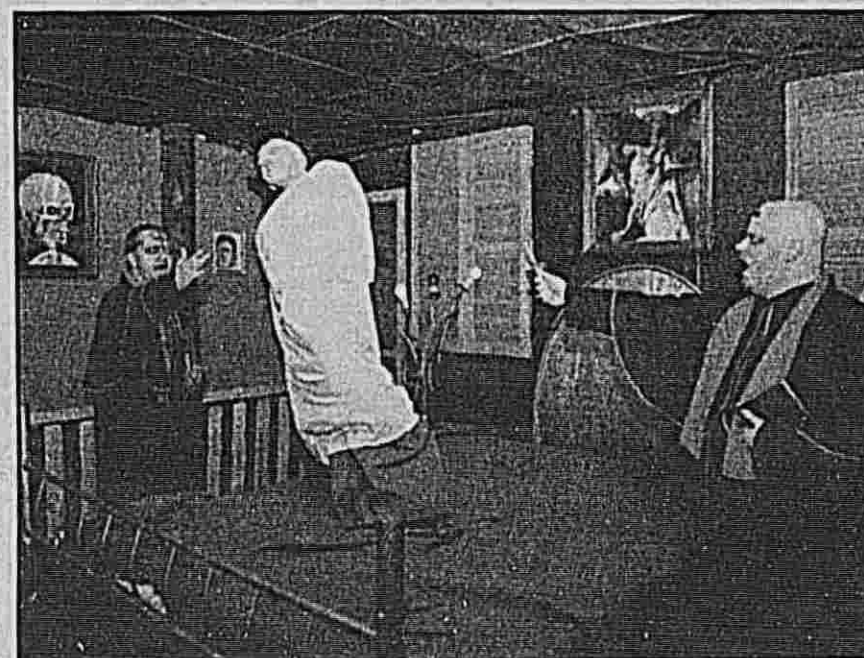
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"Serving our communities to make
them better places to live"

"That thing needs to go. It's past it's prime."
—Mike Haley on Antioch's old water tower (see story on A10)

WAUKEGAN

Canadian immigrants wreak havoc

Area business works to rid pesky Canada geese

By HELEN MANSFIELD
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WAUKEGAN — There are some annual, annoying events that residents in Lake County have learned to live with.

During the summer months, Six Flags Great America always brings an influx of visitors to the roadways and, in the fall, property taxes are due.

Autumn months also mean that flock after flock of Canada geese will take to the lakes and ponds during their migration south.

The bird is native to North America, not just Canada like the name implies, and the Great Lakes region is one of the birds' favorite places to call home.

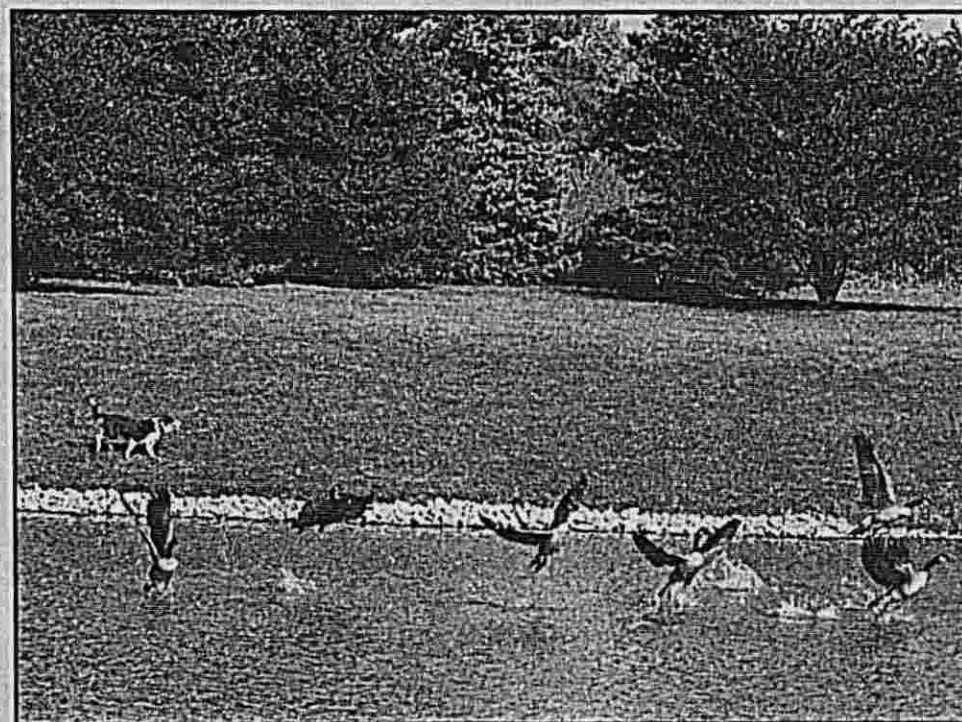
The Canada goose is a protected species, though their numbers are far from the point of extinction. Many businesses and municipalities consider the Canadian visitors to be a nuisance because they deposit a large volume of feces wherever they gather, and will hiss and bite if provoked.

This is where Carla Wagner and her pack of Border collies come into play.

Wagner, a resident of Round Lake Beach, works for a company out of LaGrange called Wild Goose Chase. According to the company Web site, they started in 1998 to develop techniques in order to "manage the negative impact of wild Canada geese, sea gulls and other migratory birds" upon their customers' property.

On Friday, Oct. 6, a picture perfect autumn morning, I followed Wagner to observe one of her work days. Landscape impressionist Thomas Kinkade, the "painter of light," couldn't have captured all the dazzling fall colors on his canvas.

Wagner drives a red Toyota Tacoma pick up with a bright yellow kayak on top. As if she didn't stick out enough in traf-



Sandy Bressner - sbressner@nwnewsgroup.com

Kit Kat, a Border collie, successfully chases Canada geese out of a pond in a Vernon Hills. Kit Kat, along with several canine colleagues, works with Round Lake Beach resident Carla Wagner of Wild Goose Chase.

fic, she normally will have two to four dogs crated up in the enclosed truck bed, driving around various customers' property, while she searches for geese.

We start off the morning at the Amherst Lake Park in Waukegan. Wagner has her dogs Freedom and Indy, along with Skye who is in training, and Kit Kat, who belongs to another handler. If the day goes well, each dog will have a couple of opportunities to take chase.

Where most individuals would ordinarily have no trouble approaching a gaggle of geese, Wagner said some regular geese recognize her truck and will take off immediately.

"It makes the day go pretty fast," Wagner said with a laugh.

Wild Goose Chase has customers in most villages in Cook, Lake, DuPage, and Kane counties. Wagner said their customers consist of municipalities and park districts, but she adds that most are property managers for companies, apartment complexes or industrial parks, such as Amherst Lake Park.

Under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, the Canada goose is protected, so if Wagner or one of her dogs kills a goose, she could face a \$1,000 fine and possible jail time. Wagner said she understands the act is undergo-

ing some changes at the federal level, but on a state level, it's still anyone's guess.

Along with pooping and biting, Wagner said geese are a nuisance because their repetitive foot trampling can compact the soil, creating severe soil erosion.

"Their droppings do contain e coli, but not like the kind that's been found in spinach, as well as microbes," Wagner said. She adds that scientists haven't come up with anything conclusive as to whether contact with goose droppings is bad for a human's health, but it is generally considered unpleasant.

The object of the chase is to discourage the birds from hanging around, by using a number of methods. Wild Goose Chase, which consists of about 25 human and 20 canine employees, will protect the water with kayaks, lasers and remote controlled boats.

Wagner said they will give customers advice as far as their landscape elements. Planting tall grasses around a lake or pond to make it unapproachable and fruitless crab apple trees to deny the geese a food source.

They also use a natural chemical application on grasses that makes them unappetizing to geese when eaten.

A number of the company's employees also are licensed to perform egg depredation,

Goose lingo

A group of geese not in flight is referred to as a "gaggle."

A flying group of geese is referred to as a "flock."

For more information on Canada goose or ring-billed (sea) gull mitigation, contact Wild Goose Chase at (708) 448-8878 or check out their Web site at www.wildgoosechasers.com

which allows them to legally prevent goose eggs from hatching. Unlike other companies, Wild Goose Chase uses pyrotechnics at the Palwaukee Airport in Wheeling, but Wagner said most municipalities have noise ordinances that don't allow them to scare birds away with sound.

Wagner said the majority of their customers are concerned with the potential liabilities associated with the geese, as well as the general yucky appearance goose droppings can create in a business environment. To avoid getting bit, people are asked just not to hand feed the birds.

Even with the beautiful skies, there weren't a lot of geese to be seen and the dogs were getting grouchy. When we had no luck in Waukegan, we traveled to Vernon Hills.

At a couple of stops, the geese took off as soon as Wagner shut her truck door. When one of the dogs was let loose, they didn't have to work too hard to make the geese leave, then they didn't want back in the truck. The dogs left in the truck, barked jealously. Each time, the dogs would trot proudly back to Wagner, with a look on their face that seemed to say, "Did you see what I just did?"

Wagner said the employees make their regular stops at businesses by the data they constantly collect about each location.

"I like the science behind it, the research on the birds," Wagner said of her job. "I run with my dogs and I'm outside all day long."

"Plus, it makes my friends, who work in offices all day, jealous," she said with a laugh.

Our Town

D-34 sets target

School District 34 was one of 100 public schools to sign on to the Targeting Achievement Through Governance program sponsored by the Illinois Association of School Boards.

The free program helps schools that have not been making progress under the requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act and state law.

The program teaches

school boards how to assess their governance role, learn school improvement plans, develop board policy and more, all of which are aimed at helping students.



Tara Clifton

Good job, District 34, in taking a step in the right direction.

Speaking of the school district, one of its activities for Red Ribbon Week, starting Monday, Oct. 23, is having eighth grade students talk to the elementary school kids.

Tommy Koch, Patrick Keefe, Aly Derkson, Nicole Vraney, Rachel Sutter, Haley Vraney, Deanna Nelson, and Danny Wilgenbusch will go to Hillcrest Elementary School on Oct. 23 to talk to students about the importance of being drug free.

Congratulations to **Deidre Palmer**, who was just promoted at Lindenhurst's State Bank of the Lakes. Dee Dee, as she is known to her co-workers, is now senior vice president of the Lindenhurst facility.

Good job!

If you have interesting information or anecdotes to submit for "Our Town," e-mail Tara Clifton at tclifton@nwnewsgroup.com



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Village to offer haunting time

Festivities offer activities for patrons of all ages

ANTIOCH – Next weekend, residents can start their Halloween festivities early.

Antioch's Halloween Howl 2006 will offer two days of freaky fun for children, teens and adults.

The ghoulish games will take place on Friday, Oct. 20 and Saturday, Oct. 21 in downtown Antioch.

Haunted Walkways allow both kids and teenagers to experience scary trails, and are from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Friday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday. Kids 10 and younger can play games, see happy ghosts and smiling

spirits in a Happy-Haunted Graveyard. They also can pose for monster photos.

From 6 to 10 p.m. Friday and noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, those 10 and older can walk through a mummy's tomb in the Haunted Walkways. They also can go through the House of Terror and ride Pirates of the Wetlands.

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Rafael Marquez, 31, 3800 block of North Kedzie Avenue, Chicago, obstructing traffic, driving with a suspended license, possession of marijuana, possession of drug equipment, Oct. 8.

David J. Rosales, 46, 4100 block of North Keystone, Chicago, possession of marijuana, possession of drug equipment, Oct. 8.

Erwin V. Kopecky, 21, 1000 block of Devon Drive, Antioch, possession of marijuana, possession of drug equipment, improper lane use, Oct. 5.

Kristen M. Anton, 20, 28000 block of Silver Lake Road, Salem, Wis., driving without a seat belt, possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug equipment, Oct. 4.

Suzanna K. Parker, 18, 2300

block of Springhill, Lindenhurst, possession of alcohol by a minor, Sept. 27.

Samantha L. Perry, 18, 400 block of Fillweber Court, Antioch, possession of alcohol by a minor, Sept. 27.

Ashlee M. Johnson, 18, 400 block of Fillweber Court, Antioch, possession of alcohol by a minor, Sept. 27.

Suspended license

Kimberly A. Hughes, 47, 23000 block of 127th Street, Trevor, Wis., driving with a suspended license, running a stop sign, Oct. 2.

Raymond S. Hlousek, 49, Hill Street, Fox Lake, driving with a suspended license, driving with windshield view obstructed, driving an uninsured vehicle, Oct. 2.

Walter J. Malecki, 19, 800 block of Essex Circle, Grayslake, driving with a suspended license, improper lane use, Oct. 3.

Leroy Chapman Jr., 41, 1500

block of Lorelei Drive, Zion, driving with a suspended license, improper lane use, screeching tires, Oct. 1.

No valid license

Michelle L. Eterno, 36, 300 block E. Lake Street, Silver Lake, Wis., driving without a valid license, improper lane use, Oct. 3.

Amanda M. Wiggins, 24, 3400 block of 56th Avenue, Kenosha, Wis., driving without a valid license, driving with expired registration, Oct. 5.

Jeffrey G. Berry, 42, 38000 block of Lake Street, Antioch, driving without a valid license, improper turn, Sept. 26.

DUI

Timothy T. Irving, 28, 100 block of Nippersink, Genoa City, Wis., driving without wearing a seat belt, illegal parking, driving under the influence, failure to signal, driving without a valid license, obstructing a police officer, Oct. 4.

Orville A. Lippens, 53, 43000

block of Lake Side Place, Antioch, speeding, aggravated driving under the influence, failure to notify the secretary of state of an address change, driving with a suspended license, improper backing, Sept. 24.

Mike J. Mielke, 22, 300 block of Harden Road, Antioch, driving under the influence, speeding, improper lane use, reckless driving, failure to signal, failure to notify Secretary of State of an address change, possession of drug equipment, Sept. 29.

LINDENHURST

Battery

Jason L. Gregory, 26, 2508 Highland Drive, Lindenhurst, battery, Oct. 8.

Suspended license

Richard A. Russell, 49, 442 N. Crooked Lake Lane, Lindenhurst, driving with a suspended license, driving with suspended registration, Oct. 7.

Edilia Ciriaco, 29, 622 Sunderlin, Waukegan, driving with a sus-

pended license, driving with tinted windows, Oct. 8.

Tara M. Anderson, 29, 4102 50th Street, Kenosha, Wis., driving with a suspended license, improper lighting, Oct. 4.

Yousry M. Nasr, 54, 177 Milwaukee Ave., Lake Villa, driving with a suspended license, driving without proof of insurance, Oct. 6.

Revoked license

David W. Bloom, 30, 410 Barron Blvd., Grayslake, driving with a revoked license, driving without proof of insurance, Oct. 4.

No valid license

Gustavo Ibanez-Caldera, 26, 4111 50th Street, Kenosha, Wis., driving with a revoked license, driving with only one headlight, Oct. 4.

DUI

Kevin C. Brown, 39, 197 Lynn Drive, Twin Lakes, Wis., driving under the influence, speeding, improper lane usage, Oct. 2.

Unique Octagon Home in Barrington Gets Makeover

Irene Richardson and her family moved into her home in the winter of 1979. The octagon home was built and designed by Erickson & Stephens, a firm heavily influenced by Frank Lloyd Wright. After living there for over 25 years, she decided she wanted to modernize the interior and chose Signature Flooring & Design to install new five inch wide Brazilian Cherry exotic hardwood floors throughout the living room and dining room, and a rich, thick contemporary shag carpet in the bedrooms and fireplace seating area.

When asked how she decided to use Signature Flooring & Design as her flooring contractor, Irene said, "I went out and got four quotes. I saw the look I wanted at one of those big box retail stores but found out after talking with John at Signature that I was not able to have 3/4 inch thick solid wood installed in my home because my home has concrete floors and an indoor pool. John came out to my home and inspected areas I wanted to have done and verified it should be engineered wood flooring installed in my home because of the concrete and pool which would effect the humidity levels of my wood."

When asked if she had any anxiety about having her home under construction she said, "No, I had complete confidence in them because of the way I was treated before the installation. John returned all of my calls and followed through on everything he said he would do. After talking with John, I spoke with other stores and 3 out of 4 agreed that he was correct, I needed engineered wood. The one flooring store still thinks I can put 3/4 inch solid wood in my home. Could you imagine what I would've gone through with them? I am very happy with the experience, if you have any one interested in getting new floors and need a referral, just have them call me!"

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Hobbies:
Golf, spending time with my family

Last good movie you saw:
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What's in your CD player right now?
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Last good book you've read:
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Favorite restaurant:
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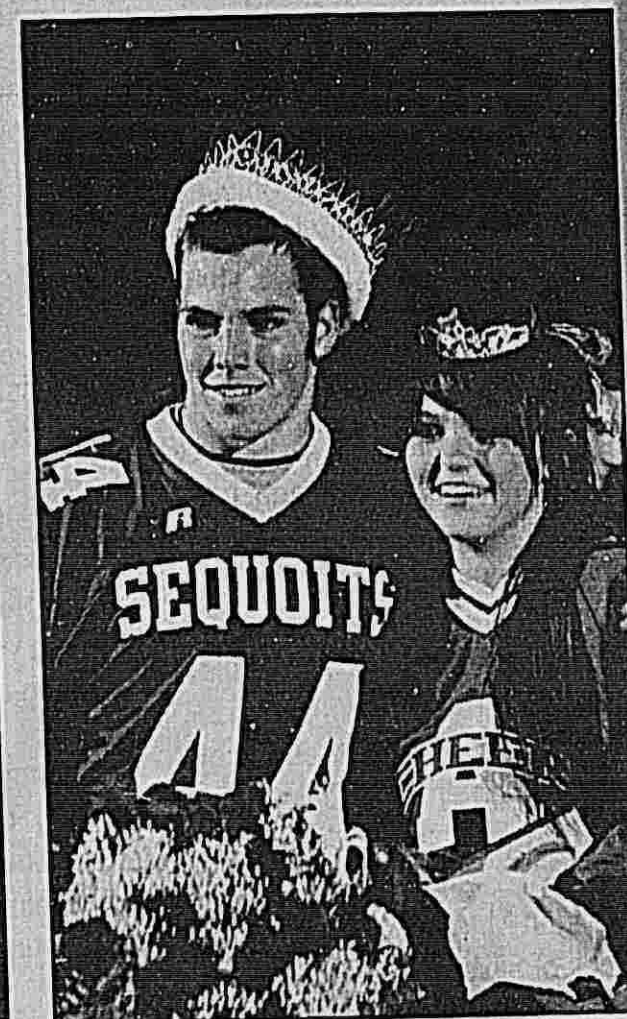
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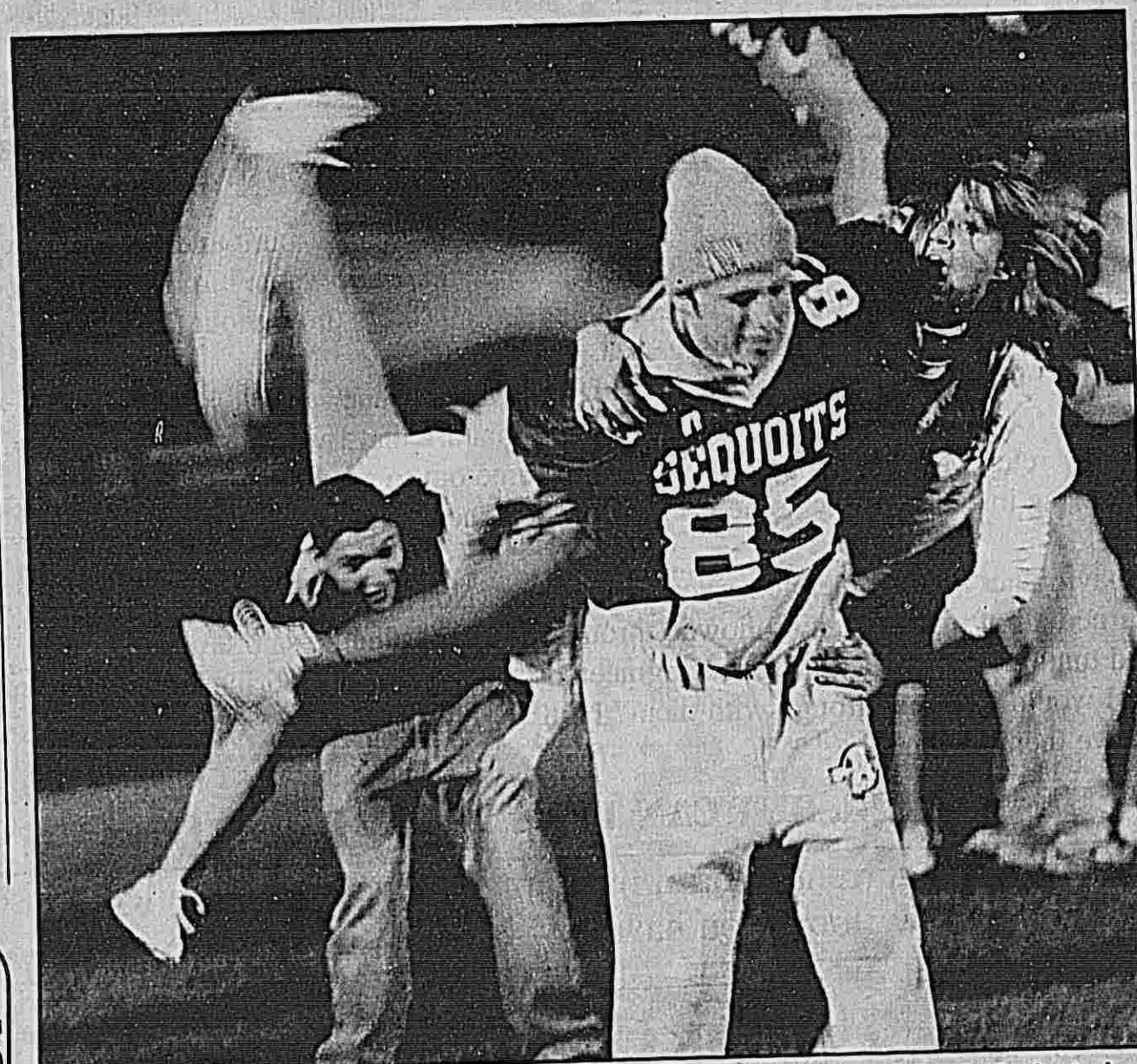
Blazing spirit



Antioch High school students watch the homecoming bon fire burn down.



Homecoming king Brad Fortney and queen Kari Brown receive their crowns during the homecoming bon fire.



Jeff Bared flips Emily Ortiz around his back as they perform in front of the Antioch student body during the homecoming bon fire.



Ashley Witt and Joe Iverson watch the fireworks over Antioch High Community School at the homecoming bon fire.



Jennifer Collins, Mitch Gebauer (66) and Bobby Hoffman (35) show their spirit as they dance to Michael Jackson's "Thriller."

Photos by Annie Christie - achristie@nwnewsgroup.com

Local digest

Aquatic center hearing

The Antioch Park Commission will host a public hearing at 7 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 23, at the Antioch Community High School Commons.

Residents will be able to see nine alternative concept plans for the proposed aquatic and recreation center. Comments will be taken during the meeting.

Preliminary plans can be viewed on the Antioch Public Library District's Web site and on the village Web site, www.antioch.il.gov.

For more information, call the parks department at (847) 395-2160.

Intelligence presentation

The Lakes Region Historical Society will host speaker Karl Abt in honor of Veterans' Day.

Abt, who wrote "A Few Who Made a Difference: The World War II Teams of the Military Intelligence Service," will give his first-person account of the intelligence teams who interro-

gated prisoners for information.

The presentation will take place at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 26, at the Meeting House, 977 Main Street.

Blood wanted

LifeSource of Lake County and the Antioch Loyal Order of the Moose will co-sponsor a blood drive from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 11. For more information, call Jim Gutowski at (847) 265-9491.

Wrestling predators

The Lakeland Predator Wrestling Club is calling out kids aged 4 to 14 who are interested in folkstyle wrestling.

Club meetings begin in November and will take place on Monday and Wednesday nights at Antioch Community High School. The practices also will take place on Tuesday and Thursday nights at Grant High School.

For more information, call Gary DiVito at (847) 668-0531.

County offers tax advice, help with assessments

The Chief County Assessment Office of Lake County will host informational meetings and tax help centers to aid residents in understanding their property assessments.

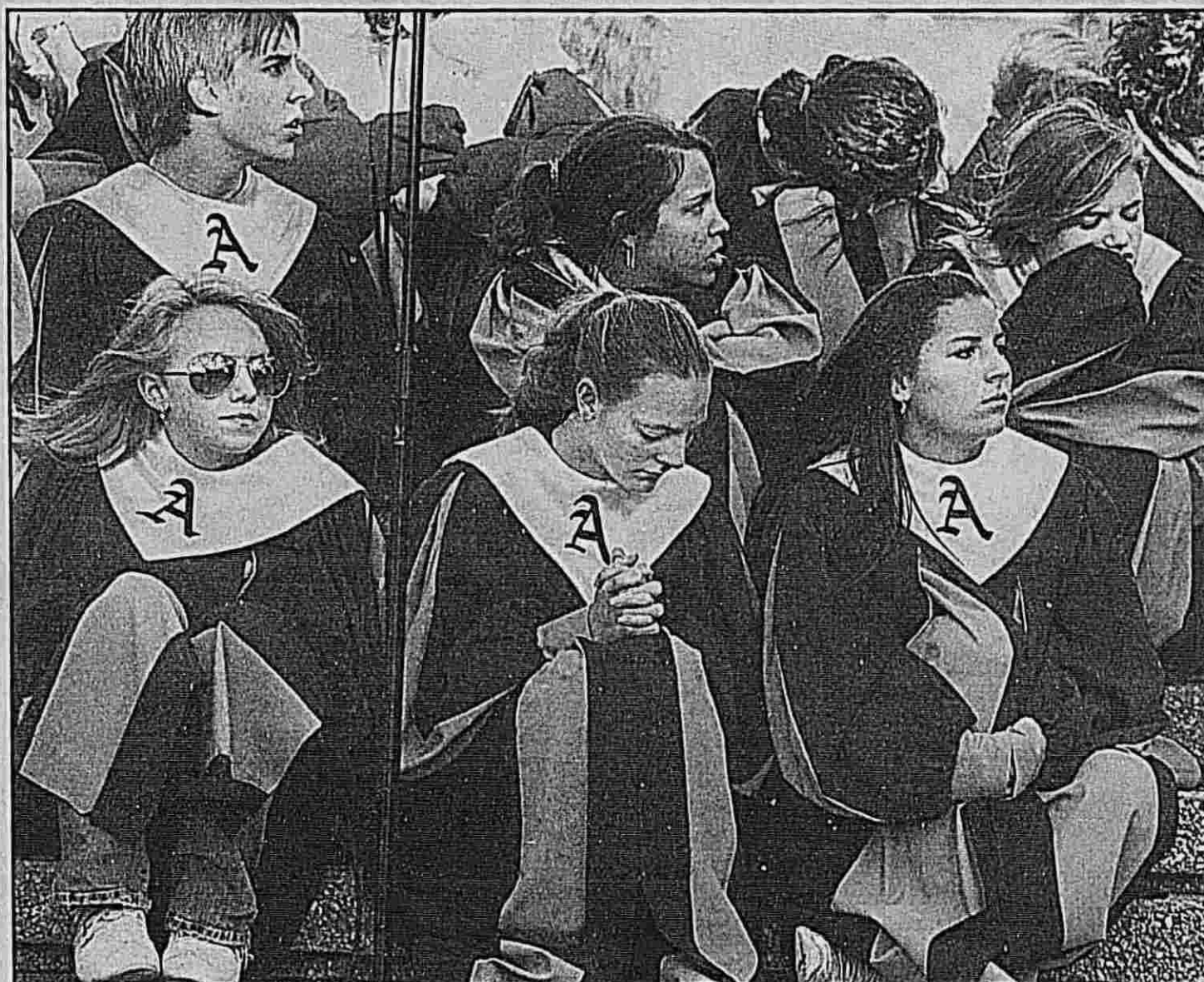
At each meeting, the Chief County Assessment Officer will explain assessment procedures, how to appeal an assessment, and answer questions.

The meetings will take place at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 19 and Wednesday, Oct. 25, at the

College of Lake County in Grayslake; from 5 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 31, Thursday, Nov. 2, and 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Nov. 4, at the Lake Villa Public Library; from 5 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 7, and Wednesday, Nov. 8, and 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Nov. 11, at the Vernon Area Public Library.

For more information, visit www.co.lake.il.us/assessor or call (847) 377-2050.

Singing for a cause



Annie Christie - achristie@nwnewsgroup.com

Members of the Antioch Choir react to the many stories of domestic abuse told at the 14th Annual Candle Lighting, sponsored by A Safe Place Lake County Crisis Center. The ACHS Choir opened this event with singing "Imagine" on the steps of the Lake County Court House in Waukegan.

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Roaring good time



Dennis Hockney sells tickets for a raffle during the Antioch Rotary Club's annual Pork Chop Barbecue and Auction themed after the Roaring 20s.

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ANTIOCH

Village to say goodbye to old water tower

T-Mobile agrees to lease terms to erect a cell tower of Holbek Drive

By TARA CLIFTON
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ANTIOCH - Located on Toft Avenue, just across the street from village hall, the old water tower has been the object of village trustees' disdain for several years.

And just recently, they came one step closer to tearing it down.

The village approved a lease agreement with T-Mobile for the communications company to erect a cell tower at 835 Holbek Drive, Antioch's First Fire District station.

As a tenant, T-Mobile will pay the village \$1,500 a month

for rent.

The antennas on the water tower will be moved to the T-Mobile tower, allowing officials to knock down the rusted, faded water tower.

Village administrator Mike Haley said no timeline exists right now as to when the water tower will be torn down and when T-Mobile will start building at the fire station. Officials also do not know if anything will go in the water tower's place.

But Haley is certain of one thing regarding the water tower's fate.

"It needs to go," he said. "That thing is past its prime."

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School news

SCHOOL DISTRICT 41

Daytime concerts

At Hooper School this year, all musical performances will take place during the day.

The next concert will feature fifth-graders at 1:45 p.m. on Nov. 9, at the school's stage.

For more information, call
Cathy Welch at (847) 245-8115.

CLC classes

The College of Lake County invites students in grades six through eight to take its extra curricular classes.

Students can choose from arts and crafts, video, culinary arts, photography, computers, dance, animal care and more.

For more information, call
(847) 543-2759.

Special screening

The district is taking appointments for its Special Education screenings next month.

The sessions take place in the morning on Tuesday, Oct. 17, at Thompson Elementary School. These screenings are for three and four year olds only.

To make an appointment, call
Sue Payne at (847) 245-8004.

SCHOOL DISTRICT 34

Health office needs

Martin School is in need of a part-time nurse and gently-used clothing for the health office.

Those interested in the nursing job or donating clothing should call the school office at (847) 245-6690.

Fall Fest

The W.C. Petty School PTO is hosting a Fall Fest fundraiser from 5 to 8 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 13, at the school, located on Highview Drive off of Tiffany Road.

The festival offers a live band, hay rides, pony rides, a chili

cook-off and more.

For more information, call Vicki
at (847) 395-7453.

Pre-k screening

The district will hold free developmental screenings for kids aged 3 to 5. They will take place at Hillcrest Elementary School on a monthly basis. To make an appointment or get more information, call (847) 838-8422.

New way to cheer

Antioch Upper Grade School will change its dance and cheer-leading teams to get more students involved.

Two cheerleading teams and one dance team will have 15 girls each. These teams will include those from all grade levels. The cheerleaders will cheer for all home basketball games and the dance team will perform during all home halftimes.

For more information, call

(847) 838-8383.

SCHOOL DISTRICT 117

Conferences

Lakes Community High School will host parent/teacher conferences from 5 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 26, and from 8 a.m. to noon on Friday, Oct. 27. Classes will not take place that Friday.

Future planning

Antioch Community High School will host a college planning night from 6:30 to 9 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 16.

Students and their families will be able to spend 30 minute sessions learning about such topics as college financing, scholarship applications, standardized testing, interest inventories, and homework tips.

For more information, call Assistant Principal Phyllis Fay at (847) 838-7176.

Births


· **Bryce Joseph Stoneham**, a son, was born Sept. 7, at Lake Forest Hospital to Jason and Brenda Stoneham of Lake Villa. His sisters are Emily 6, and Kylie, 4. Grandparents are Gene and Robin Boydston of Wildwood and Allen and Ruth Stoneham of Des Plaines.

Braden Robert Neuwirth, a son, was born Sept. 17, at Lake Forest Hospital to Jason and Elizabeth Neuwirth of Lake Villa. His sister is Haley, 2. Grandparents are John and Wanda Neuwirth of Round Lake and Alice Ortman of San Antonio, Texas.

Jacob Philip Zerull, a son, was born Sept. 17, at Lake Forest Hospital to Tom and Cheryl Zerull of Lake Villa. Grandparents are Steve and Jean Zerull of St. Charles and Lyle and Jan Larsen of Fremont, Neb.

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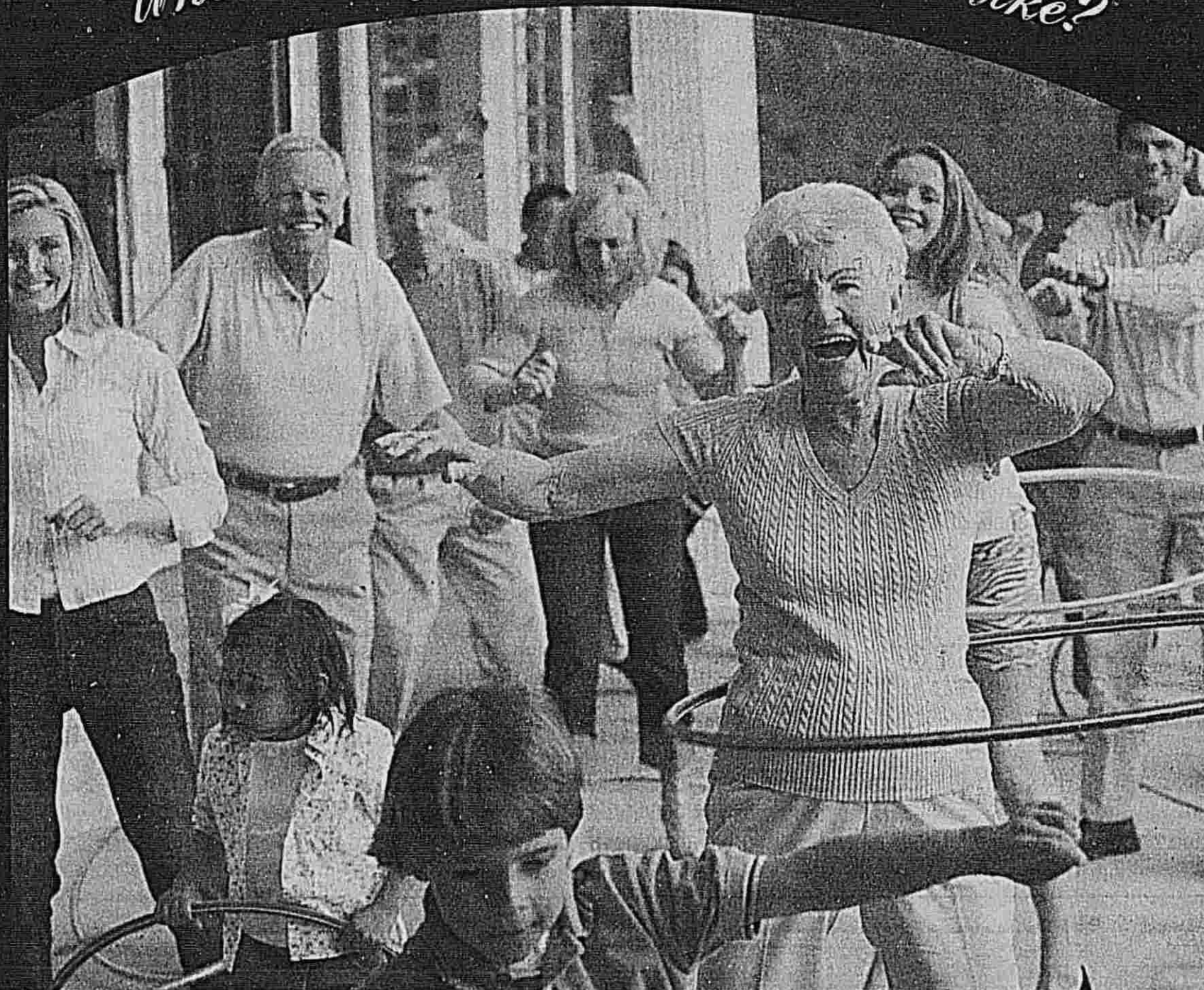
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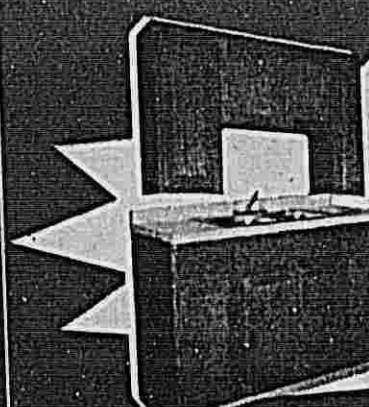
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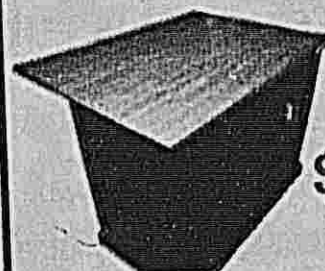
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GRAYSLAKE

Dog day care center is a home away from home

By DANI SCHWEIGERT
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GRAYSLAKE - They are furry, loyal and man's best friend. And for many owners, they are like children - their photos filling the plastic slots of their wallets and pocket books.

To some, dogs have become members of the family and, just like with children, it can be difficult to balance work and quality time with those four-legged friends.

Kevin Bloss and Laura Gielow know this problem all too well, as they have two dogs of their own. Bloss and Gielow quickly realized they would not be able to spend as much time as they wanted with their canine pets while working in corporate America. They were inspired by their dogs, Trinity, a 2-year-old Yorkshire Terrier, and Fernando, a 6-year-old Alaskan Malamute, to become the owners of a doggy day care center in Grayslake.

Central Bark Doggy Day Care, which is part of a fran-

chise opened Sept. 25, after about a year of planning and getting final approval from the village.

"We wanted to find a place where we could have our dogs with us every day," Bloss said. "I think if you can choose your own line of work, it's got to be something you're passionate about, and we're passionate about dogs, so it seemed like a perfect fit."

When stepping into the doggy day care center, the passion of the owners seems to be all around, and it is difficult not to smile at the friendly, welcoming environment. The bright purple and green walls at the entrance of the facility are lined with boutique items, including feather beds, collars, toys and more.

A framed photo of the dog of the month, a Terrier mix named Bogie, hangs behind the counter, and a large stuffed dog, the mascot of Central Bark Doggy Day Care, greets visitors at the door.

Rich Gapinski, of Grayslake, said Central Bark Doggy Day

Check it out

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Care not only offers great service, but is a wonderful opportunity for his dog, Hank, to interact with other dogs.

"He sleeps better at night on Friday nights," Gapinski said with a laugh. "I think the personal service is good for him." Hank has irritable bowel syndrome and megaesophagus, which is a condition where the food passes quickly through the stomach. Because of this, Gapinski said Hank requires a little extra attention - something Central Bark Doggy Day Care is more than willing to give, according to Gielow.

"The dogs are always supervised," Gielow said. "They're never left unattended."

The day care requires clients to stay at the center at least one day a week, and Bloss said it is recommended that the dogs



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Laura Gielow, co-owner of Central Bark Doggy Day Care, gets knocked down by some of her charges at the new facility in Grayslake. Scoober, Booda and Hunter also are pictured.

come on the same day each week.

"It's all about safety and trying to eliminate any problems," he explained. "When [the dogs] come on the same day, they're placed in the same group and become familiar with the other dogs in that group."

To avoid any potential problems of dogs not getting along, the dogs are placed in separate crates during naptime, and plenty of space and toys are offered during play. The facility has a 3,750 square foot outdoor play area, which includes several plastic slides like the ones that fill a child's backyard playground, a blue, doggy-sized pool, a dog house and more.

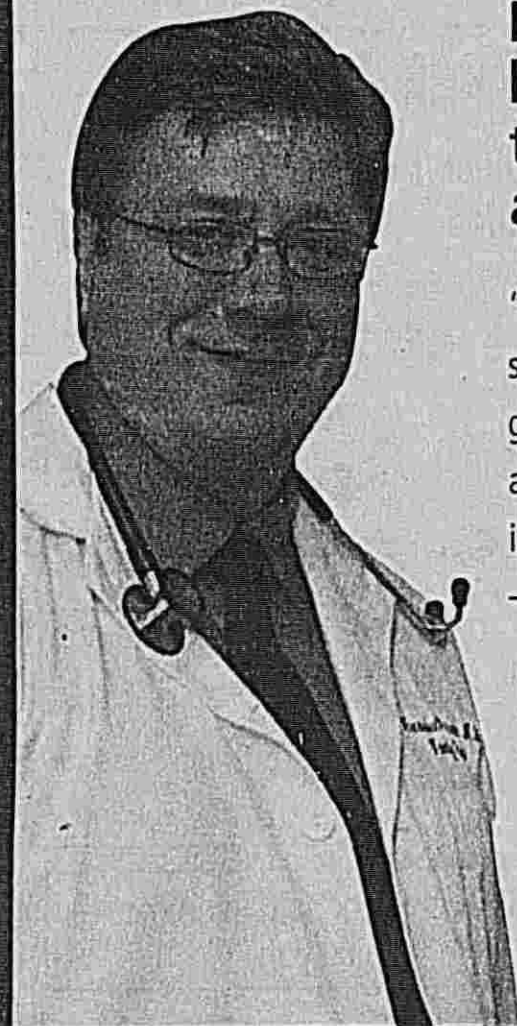
Gielow explained the dogs

are kept on a schedule to help with behavior. A typical day for a dog at the center begins around 7:30 a.m., with a quick stay in a crate until 8 a.m. Then it is time to play until noon. After this, the dogs are placed in individual crates for naptime, which lasts until 2 p.m. The dogs are then brought back outside, weather permitting, for a more mild, one-on-one playtime until 5 p.m., after which they wait to be picked up by their parents.

And Bloss seemed to be a proud parent himself as he held a sleepy Trinity in his arms. He smiled as he explained the best part of his job.

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GRAYSLAKE

Sheriff race heats up at recent debate

By EMILY PREVITI
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GRAYSLAKE - If Mark Curran and Lake County Sheriff Gary Del Re adhered to the adage "if you can't say something nice, don't say anything at all," one could have heard a pin drop at a recent debate between the men.

But throughout the race for Lake County Sheriff, they have not been at a loss when it comes to launching insults at one another.

In fact, moderator Alain Oller had to remind Del Re to stick to the point Oct. 5 at the University of Illinois Extension on Route 45, in Grayslake.

"We'd like to stay on topic, sir," Oller said.

"We'll have 10 minutes at the end," he added in reference to the time allotted for closing remarks.

But stutters and unrelated remarks erupted from both men at the conclusion of the question-answer segment of the program.

The night's final question begged Republican incumbent Del Re and Democratic challenger Curran to find something nice to say about the other.

In the front row sat Michael

Horowitz, the ex-deputy whose slew of accusations in August



Gary Del Re
Lake County Sheriff.



Mark Curran
Democratic candidate for Lake County Sheriff.

exist, [were] not followed."

According to Lake County Assistant State's Attorney Jeffrey Pavletic, the Lake County Board will assist the sheriff's office in oversight of improvements to financial operations within the sheriff's department.

See DEBATE, page A22

Explosive impact



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An advocate for A Safe Place, Veronica holds Ke-Shawn next to the Clothesline Project on the steps of the Lake County Court House in Waukegan, during the 14th Annual Candle Lighting. The Candle Lighting was sponsored by A Safe Place Lake County Crisis Center, to honor victims of domestic violence.

Domestic violence effects extensive, debilitating

By EMILY PREVITI
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WAUKEGAN - Michelle Jacobo dragged on a cigarette as she shuffled up to the crowd gathered before the steps of the Lake County Courthouse that

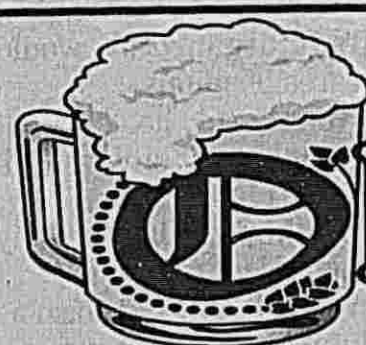
face Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard.

As the breeze blew cooler than it had yet this fall, Jacobo snuggled inside of a gray hooded sweatshirt. After she finished the cigarette, her jaw slackened as she listened to

speakers, which included Lake County State's Attorney Michael Waller, Judge Helen S. Rozenberg, Mundelein Chief of Police Raymond J. Rose, and domestic violence survivor Vicki Ross.

Every nine seconds, a bell rang to signify the frequency that women are abused, according organizers of the 14th annual Candle Lighting Ceremony, which took place Oct. 8.

See CEREMONY, page A22



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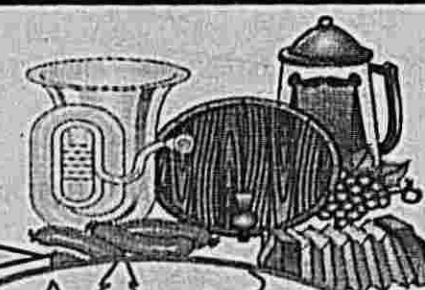
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Dorae Block of the College of Lake County Foundation browses some of the handmade jewelry for sale at the ARTcetera Sales and Rental Gallery at the Grayslake campus.

Condell explains Level I trauma care importance

CEO addresses concerns raised by Lake County health committee

By JESSICA JACOBSEN

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WAUKEGAN – Several topics were discussed by the Lake County Board Health Committee in the crowded conference room on Oct. 10, but one that seemed to draw a lot of attention was Level I trauma care.

The man who brought attention to the topic was President and CEO of Condell Medical Center Dennis Millirons.

"We're educating ... about Level I," Millirons said. "What its significance is to the people of Lake County and some of the issues that we think [and] feel are important in health care."

With approvals by the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board to expand the emergency department and bed tower for the hospital in Libertyville, Millirons explained what

the expansion and future Level I Trauma Center certification would mean for Lake County.

"I believe it will save lives," he said.

Millirons said the Level I Trauma Center would have an impact on Lake County, and that McHenry County should be taken into consideration as well.

Condell currently has a staff of about 360, Millirons said, but with the expansion, the hospital would hire about 300 more employees. The additional staff would help Condell achieve the requirements it needs for Level I certification. Among those requirements would be 24-hour service of an onsite trauma surgeon, an onsite intensive care unit in-house physician and an operating room staffed in-house and available.

Among the crowd at the committee meeting was Libertyville Fire Chief Richard Carani, who also is in support of Condell upgrading to Level I status.

"Level I trauma is important to Lake County," Carani said. "There's only so much [we] can do in the field."

A concern by Carani and the committee was the difficulty in transporting patients to Condell. One area of particular concern was northwest Lake County.

Questions were asked if building a hospital in this location would be a possibility in the future. Millirons said that decision would be determined by the Illinois Health Facilities

Planning Board, but that Condell is looking to upgrade facilities in that area.

"We're evaluating the Antioch market," Millirons said.

Officials confirmed that Antioch does

not have an Acute Care Center or Urgent Care Center, which are health care facilities Condell provides.

Another concern voiced by the committee is the impact Condell's future upgrade would have on area hospitals.

Millirons said he did not think it would hurt other hospitals.

"We would provide care they can't provide," he said.

Even with the concerns brought up by the committee, Millirons said he still felt confident about the meeting.

"I think it was received very well. I think people understand that Level I trauma is something that is not really covered in Lake County," Millirons said. "And with 700,000 people living here, it's a necessary thing."

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Dennis Millirons

President and CEO of Condell Medical Center about bringing a Level I Trauma Center to Condell

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LAKE COUNTY

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Our View

Immigration is a federal issue

Illegal immigration is a serious problem that needs the nation's attention.

The lack of leadership on this issue by Congress and the White House has proven so frustrating that local officials have begun tackling the issue.

Carpentersville is considering a new city ordinance that would fine business owners and landowners who do business with illegal immigrants. A city council meeting on the subject attracted a crowd of more than 3,000. The crowd was so large that the council tabled the issue until a larger venue could be found for a future meeting.

The law is a well-intentioned reaction to what has become an unacceptable situation. However, the law also is misguided.

Whether or not the Carpentersville City Council likes it, a fairly large population of illegal immigrants is a part of its community. The ordinance is not going to make them go away. Worse than that, however, the ordinance would be extremely difficult to enforce.

Is the Carpentersville City Council going to ask small

business owners to make sure that each one of their customers is a legal U.S. citizen? Would the Carpentersville Police Department bring in non-citizens to conduct stings to make sure the local White Hen is not selling Tootsie Rolls to illegal immigrants?

Not everyone who is here legally carries an ID with them everywhere. And some people who are here illegally carry fake IDs. Small business owners do not need such a burden.

The ordinance will almost certainly lead to racial profiling. Most of Carpentersville's Hispanic residents are here legally, do they really deserve to be treated as second class citizens because some people come here illegally from Mexico and South America? Also, people seem to forget that there are millions of white illegal immigrants living in this country who came here from eastern European countries.

Illegal immigration must be dealt with. And those who employ illegal immigrants must be punished. But this is a matter for the federal government.

Correction

In the Sept. 29 editions, the Weekly Journals misidentified attorney Gary Schlesinger as a guardian ad litem in the article, "Custody order raises energy, awareness." Schlesinger is not the guardian ad litem, but the child representative. The Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act defines a guardian ad litem as a person whom the court appoints to make recommendations in the best interests of the child. Those recommendations come only after he or she has interviewed "the child and all parties." The child representative, according to act, has the same powers of investigation as the

guardian ad litem.

The representative does not make recommendations to the court, but "offers evidence-based legal arguments," and cannot be called as a witness. Plus, the law grants the child representative participates in litigation "as does an attorney." The act requires the representative to have received training in child advocacy, or equivalent experience. The law also prevents the representative from disclosure of a child's confidences, though exceptions exist. The representative is not bound by the child's wishes.

The Weekly Journals regret the error.



Seeing it Through

ComEd electricity rate increase stirs up special attention with legislature

Illinois House Speaker Michael J. Madigan surprised many recently when he asked Gov. Rod Blagojevich to immediately call a special session of the legislature to consider a three-year extension of the electric rate freeze.

Blagojevich reacted as one would expect of him on the eve of the November election by stating that he will call for a special session as soon as he is convinced that the votes are there to exact an extension of the electric rate freeze.

ComEd's indicated that residential and small business electric customers will face 22 to 26 percent rate hikes after Jan. 1, 2007, when the present rate freeze will expire. The news is worse for downstate electric customers who were informed by their supplier, Ameron, that their rate increase will be up to 55 percent.

These rate boosts come after

the September power auction, which was supposed to stimulate market competition so that power could be purchased at the lowest cost possible.

According to the Citizens Utility Board (CUB), the public utility watchdog group, when the legislature extended the rate freeze in 2004, it did so because market competition hadn't developed. CUB claims that such market competition still hasn't come to pass, therefore a three-year extension of the rate freeze is in order.

In his letter to Blagojevich, Madigan called the power auction nothing more than a

"sham" turning, "tremendously profitable utility companies and their already record earnings, into even more exorbitant gains at the expense of working families, senior citizens and those on fixed incomes."

Of course, ComEd has gone on an expensive media blitz with full-page ads and TV commercials telling its customers why the rate increase is necessary.

They also are telling customers it is such a good deal, because the rate has been frozen for almost 10 years. If you believe their executives, an extension of the rate freeze will push them to the brink of bankruptcy.

I'm sorry, their protests don't move me to tears for their plight.

For many consecutive years, as long as I can remember,

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John S.
Matijevich

● **Snapshot**

Your thoughts on this week's hot topic

"Do you think that Dennis Hastert should step down as Speaker of the House if he had prior knowledge of Congressman Mark Foley's inappropriate behavior?"



"No, he wasn't completely informed. The chain of command failed."
Susan Wallace
McHenry



"Yes, I do. There's so much corruption in government. They need to clean it up."
Michael Schellinger
Slinger, Wis.



"Yes, he should because he did know about it, from what I've read."
Tom Miller
Streamwood



"I don't think he should step down ... but it's a very upsetting situation."
John Puttrich
Antioch

● **Partylines**

compiled by staff reports

Area GOP prepares for final push in election

The setting offered many features of Americana at a "meet-the-candidates" picnic in Ingleside recently.

There was a sunset looming, football players were going through their paces in practice and, sometimes, that would drown out the pep talks given by the several Republican candidates at the forum.

There were plenty of hot dogs and cookies to energize the troops, who are making that final push toward the Nov. 7 election. The candidates' gathering was part of the Grant Township Republican Club monthly meeting.

"I'm cautiously optimistic. There are lots of long days, from 7 a.m. to midnight, but I enjoy it and have a great team," Sue Simpson, state senate candidate for District 31, said. "It is about taking care of the constituents' business. You want to help them. It is not about power."

Simpson, Warren Township supervisor since 1997, has served in Springfield previously, finishing a term for Andrea Moore as a state representative. This Tuesday night, she was in Ingleside, part of the 31st Senate District.

Simpson said that transportation issues are not being addressed in Springfield, with such local needs as Route 173, Green Bay Road, the Route 120 bypass and others.

"You have to live within your means and the state is in serious financial trou-

ble now," Simpson said.

Simpson is running against Grayslake resident Michael Bond. Simpson said she would give up her Warren Township position if elected to the state senate.

Simpson was joined at the picnic by District Eight candidate for Congress Dave McSweeney, incumbent Lake County Treasurer Robert Skidmore, incumbent Sheriff Gary Del Re and incumbent County Clerk Willard Helander.

Grant Township GOP leaders credited Rich Stueber with the idea of the late September cookout.

Candidates had a chance to state their beliefs.

"I have been in the Treasurer's Office for 22 years, as treasurer for eight," Skidmore said. "There have been a lot of changes. Since 1998, we have gone through two computer systems, but have always gotten the bills out. The taxpayers aren't too excited, but the taxing bodies are. There are still things and changes that need to be done."

Helander also pointed to advancements, in her county clerk's office, including increased access to voting for the disabled.

McSweeney was the last to speak.

"I feel very good about November," he said. "The nation's eyes are on this race. Like [CNN personality and syndicated columnist] Bob Novak said, 'it will take a

heroic effort to go out and unseat an incumbent in [U.S. Rep.] Melissa Bean, [D-Barrington]. My campaign has been simple. It has been about low taxes, less spending and a strong national defense. We want to keep jobs in the U.S. and not allowing jobs to be kept being shipped overseas, less spending. The Republicans have lost their way and are spending too much. We need to set an example in Washington and cut money. The Congressional staffs should be cut by 25 percent."

"I think that we should support President Bush in the War on Terrorism," McSweeney added.

McSweeney is running against Bean and independent Bill Schuerer.

"I am facing \$7 million to \$8 million in negative ads from Bean," McSweeney said. "She said that I would support drilling for oil in the Great Lakes. Nothing could be further from the truth. I support long-term energy policy with nuclear and solar. This will be a close election, but if all of us come together, we will prevail."

GOP Lake County Chairman Dan Venturi, who also is the Lake Villa Township Supervisor, told of the final month strategy, including a direct mail flier.

There was one down note, though.

GOP judge candidate Wallace Dunn told the gathering that he and Judge George Bridge's seats would not be

counted in the Nov. 7 election, following the Illinois State Supreme Court ruling that allowed the state legislature to limit the number of circuit judgeships.

"I feel like Abe Lincoln said, 'it is like after you stub your toe. You are too old to cry, but it hurts,'" Dunn said.

He told the faithful that he will remain active and thanked them for their support.

Down on the farm

The Lake County Farm Bureau Legislative Committee recently conducted interviews with local candidates for the upcoming Nov. 7 general elections and identified those who they felt were most qualified.

The committee's decisions were based on the opinions each candidate expressed toward many topics that are important to today's farmers, such as the need for ethanol fuel and eminent domain.

Based on the interviews, the farm bureau has opted to endorse Sue Simpson, Republican candidate for state senate in the 31st District, and Sharyn Elman, Democratic candidate for state representative in the 62nd District.

In the race for seats on the Lake County Board, the farm bureau has thrown its support behind Republican incumbents Randall Whitmore in District 2, Steve Carlson in District 7 and Carol Calabrese in District 15.

Rate freeze extension needs to be done before November election

• **MATIJEVICH**

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For many consecutive years, as long as I can remember, ComEd had a strangle-hold of influence over the Illinois Commerce Commission, governors, and the legislature.

The consumers had it stuck to them but good. I never believed the utilities then when they took us for a ride; why should I believe them now? The Enron scandal was enough to prove how corporations can manipulate markets.

Both Senate President Emil

Jones and some Republicans are not enthused about Madigan's call for a special session. Madigan has a history of opposing special sessions, so the GOP believe that he wants this one so that he can show downstate legislators on record for the rate freeze extension.

Emil Jones, a Democrat, has usually been in ComEd's hip-pocket so his opposition to Madigan's plan is no surprise.

He and the Republicans who are questioning the speaker's strategy know that if the issue was called just before the election that it would be a "slam-

dunk" because of public support.

Both Jones and those Republicans who oppose a call for the special session have said that the issue can be brought up at the November veto session after the general election.

It would be more difficult to enact the rate freeze extension then for a few reasons. Veto sessions just after an election tend to be "blah" sessions. For one thing, some legislators are "lame ducks," and getting them to show up for attendance is difficult enough, and convincing

them that a given issue is such an emergency that it must be decided at the veto session also can be difficult.

You would be surprised, too, or maybe you wouldn't be, how quickly a legislator can change his or her mind and vote once the election is done.

During the campaign, they will swear up and down that they will support the consumer. The next thing you know, they make a quick changeover.

I am one who believes that, most of the time, the call for a special session is a farce, usually called by governors to en-

hance their political agenda. If speaker Madigan can pull this one off, though, I'm for it because the beset rate-payers will be paying through the nose for many years to come, so they need the help now.

In the event that the special session isn't called, this matter must come up before the January rate extension expires. It's too important of an issue for all of the electric rate-payers of Illinois. Don't forget, this attempt at a rate increase is just the start of what will be more increases to come.

Mark my words.

● Letters to the Editor

Enough is enough

To the Editor:

I have spent the last few days reading news reports about the recently completed investigation into alleged misconduct at the Lake County Sheriffs Department.

State and county investigators report finding "serious" mismanagement of the department's funds and poor accounting practices. Investigators also state that an outside audit determined that purchases and other contracts were handled with bids not being secured and policies not being followed. From Springfield, to Chicago, and now Lake County, it seems like many of our elected officials have lost their integrity and sense of accountability. Too many elected officials seem to think our tax dollars are for their personal pleasures.

I'm fed up with public officials who think the rules and laws

apply to others, but themselves.

Mark Curran, a Democrat, wants to clean up the sheriff's office. He promises to restore integrity and professionalism to the department. I'm for that.

Kevin Beide

Waukegan

Bush blunder

To the Editor:

Former Republican Congressman Joe Scarborough, on his cable talk show, ran a segment titled, "Is President George W. Bush an idiot?" He said that he ran the show after many Republicans privately told him that they are embarrassed by Bush's grammatical bloopers.

I am not saying that President Bush is an idiot, but [I question] his policies and those of the cabal of Cheney, Rumsfeld, Rowe, Rice, Pearle and Wolfowitz that

lied us into the Iraq war. The quagmire that shows no end in sight was tragic and idiotic for our troops, who might have to pay the price of injury and death for this blunder.

Alderman John L. Balen

Veteran, WWII along with my three brothers
Waukegan

Payback

To the Editor:

Mark Curran claims to be non-partisan in an attempt to downplay the fact that he was the Lake County coordinator for Attorney General Lisa Madigan. The point is, Curran's campaign is relying heavily on the "independent" report from Attorney General Lisa Madigan that exaggerates the blame on the sheriff.

The fact is that the report, in the preamble, berates the sheriff

then, in the detail of the report, concludes that no further prosecution or investigation is warranted. It then concludes with a litany of inflammatory quotes designed for Curran's campaign Literature.

The tone of the report is clear payback to Mark Curran from a grateful Lisa Madigan.

Michael N. Mueller

Antioch

Give him a chance

To the Editor:

I live in Grayslake and, quite frankly, the property taxes here are out of control. They're making people move elsewhere by the dozens, just in my neighborhood. I see more for-sale signs on my drive home than I do businesses. I make this comparison for a reason.

We need some companies to

move up here to northern Lake County that can help shoulder some of the tax burden. If we can get someone in office who knows what it takes to attract socially responsible businesses to the area, I think that a whole lot of those for-sale signs will come down.

I'm proud to live in Lake County, but changes need to be made if we're going to avoid this exodus that I see around me. I talked about this with Michael Bond, a candidate for state Senate on my porch not long ago. He had some great ideas (he is a successful businessman, after all). He listened to my suggestions, and I think that with Michael in office the necessary changes can start to get made. I encourage your readers to give him a chance.

Quenton Galvin

Grayslake

Municipal league under new leadership

Round Lake Area Park District board member named new executive director

By HELEN MANSFIELD
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About Christine Gentes

Born in New York

Married to Round Lake Village Board President Bill Gentes for nearly 19 years

Together, they have one daughter, Denise, 16 who attends school at Grant Township High School

Holds a bachelor's degree from Northern Illinois University in journalism.

Received her master's degree in journalism from Northwestern.

Was elected to the Round Lake Area Park District Board in 1999.

Operates her own marketing company, In Touch Communications.

Like her husband Bill, she also has her real estate license.

as an organization "that has lost its focus and gotten off track" and has even heard it describes as a "social organization."

Along with recently appointed municipal league president Tim Perry, village president of Grayslake, Gentes said she's bringing a number of new ideas to the table.

Gentes said she would like to see the league serve more as a unified "clearing house" of policy. By setting the ground work for ordinances that each community could use, instead of each community having to "reinvent the wheel each time." This would be especially handy for

Learning about the municipal league, members

The Lake County Municipal League is an intergovernmental organization of Lake County municipalities, developed to further cooperation and information sharing among municipal governments, to provide appropriate educational opportunities for municipal officials, and to promote legislation of benefit to Lake County municipalities.

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•James Hayner: Administrator of Gurnee

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•Alternate: Jeff Harger, Mayor of Libertyville

•Alternate: Ted Mueller, Mayor of Hainesville

For more information, contact the municipal league at (847) 270-3126 or their Web site: www.lakecountyleague.org



Christine Gentes
Lake County
Municipal League
Executive
Director.

ROUND LAKE BEACH – Anyone familiar with Christine "Chris" Gentes, knows that the woman has a lot of drive.

Gentes has her own marketing business, a 16-year-old daughter, her Illinois real estate license, and if that weren't enough, she's married to Round Lake Village Board President Bill Gentes.

Being married to a "mayor" and having served on the Round Lake Area Park District Board for more than six years, one might think that Gentes would have her fill of politics and networking. But now, the first lady of Round Lake will have at least 41 more mayors to deal with.

In early August, Gentes was selected as the new executive director for the Lake County Municipal League.

She will work out of an office in the Round Lake Beach Village Hall, trying to sell the other 10 Lake County mayors, who don't currently belong to the municipal league, on its advantages.

Gentes describes the municipal league

boards that are toying with a no-smoking ban in their community or just want to restrict burning.

After the recent work done with the Lake County Transportation Alliance in prioritizing the county's transportation needs, Gentes said she would like to see the municipal league wield that amount of clout.

"My current goal is to meet all of the mayors," Gentes said. "I know a lot of

them through Bill."

Once Gentes is done with the mayors, she will turn her sights on their trustees.

"With 42 mayors, they can only attend so many meetings," she said.

"If you figure each community has at least six trustees, that's over 400 people," which Gentes hopes could provide network opportunities, as well as set up groups to serve as liaisons with the county board.

HEALTHWATCH

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LAKE FOREST HOSPITAL

Comprehensive Breast Health

According to the American Cancer Society, the goal of screening examinations for early breast cancer detection is to find cancers before they start to cause symptoms. Join Drs. Stephen Ganshirt and Beth Anne Sylvester-Cook, medical co-directors of the Comprehensive Breast Care Center at Lake Forest Hospital, to learn what's new in breast cancer early detection, diagnosis and treatment options.

Date Friday, Oct. 20
Time 10 to 11:30 a.m.
Location Posy Krehbiel
Prevention & Wellness Center
Register (847) 535-8500

The Gift: One-Act Play Sponsored by the Welles Memorial Education Fund

The Gift portrays the powerful impact of cancer on our lives, the changes we can make in our lives to fight the disease, and the joyful affirmation of life that can come from that battle. Seen through the eyes of a fiery, independent-minded sixteen-year-old daughter named Stephanie, the play brings to life one family's journey.

Date Wednesday, Oct. 25
Time 7 to 9 p.m.
Location Lake Forest Hospital
Register (847) 535-6112

Skin care regimen protects against environmental damage

Take steps to protect the skin when exposed to environmental hazards such as sun, wind and pollution

The great outdoors provides a veritable Catch-22 when it comes to overall health. While the advantages of spending time in the fresh air and sunshine can be exhilarating and cathartic, those same elements in addition to other hidden dangers can pose potential year-round health threats, particularly to the skin.

Many people have subjected their skin to years of abuse, whether sunbathing or skiing the slopes without protection. But there are measures that they can take to help combat any damage that may have occurred. Additionally, there are steps to take to protect the skin for years to come.

- Always use sunscreen. Skincare professionals recommend always applying sunscreen before heading outdoors, even for relatively short times exposed to the sun. Conventional practices suggest using a sunscreen with a an SPF (sun protection factor) of at least 15. Anything less could lead to sunburn or other, more serious problems down the road. Sunblocks should be applied all year, not just during the peak summer season. Even

though it may be cold outdoors, that does not negate the power of ultraviolet rays. Plus, a landscape covered in pure white snow can reflect the sun's rays and lead to nasty burn as well.

- Bundle up. Just as you'd wear wide-brimmed hats and sunglasses in the summer, protect your skin from the harsh wind and icy temperatures of winter. Persistent cold air can dry out the skin considerably, which will exacerbate dry skin problems and could promote premature wrinkling. Not to mention the sting from wind and cold is just uncomfortable. Wrap a scarf around your neck and face and continue to wear sunglasses. Cover up with gloves, as the hands also take a beating if not protected.

- Pollution can cause trouble. Environmental factors apart from sun and wind can also damage the skin. Pollution contributes to the number of free radicals in the air, which can cause diminished vitality and appearance of the skin. Minimize exposure to smoke, smog and areas where pollution is prevalent. Wash your face thoroughly after any exposure and make sure to eat a bal-



Take steps to protect the skin when exposed to environmental hazards such as sun, wind and pollution.

anced diet of fruits rich in antioxidants to help combat the effect of free radicals.

- Rely on the right skincare products. To help the skin looks its best, use skincare products that can address the premature aging and damage to the skin the environment may cause.

Additionally, don't forget to drink plenty of water to keep your body - and skin - hydrated. Several glasses per day will ensure moist, supple skin used in conjunction with the other precautionary measures you take to look your best.

Protect your eyes from Computer Vision Syndrome



Nearly 60 million Americans who work on computers each day suffer from Computer Vision Syndrome (CVS). A loss of focus in your eyes, blurred vision and even experiencing a burning sensation in your eyes are all symptoms of CVS. In addition, sufferers of CVS have been known to suffer from backaches and muscle spasms. Perhaps the most worrisome thing about CVS is that nearly anyone is susceptible to it. Someone who spends two or more hours per day using a computer is at risk for developing CVS. Though some might suggest CVS is no different than eye strain caused by reading too many books or newspapers, there's actually a substantial difference. Computer images are made up of pixels, or tiny dots, that human vision is not suited for. This forces a constant refocusing of your eyes to read what's on your computer screen, which leads to repetitive stress on the eyes. The best way to deal with CVS is to place your monitor 20 to 26 inches away from your eyes, minimize glare by arranging light properly, and blink frequently to moisturize your eyes.



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Resident shares story of how domestic violence touched her life

• CEREMONY

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A Safe Place Lake County Crisis Center - which provides shelter, advice, support services and intervention services to adult abusers and victims as well as impacted children - organized the event to usher in Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

But when bilingual/bicultural residential advocate Maria Gomez opened the podium to anyone who wanted to share, Jacobo took the opportunity to plead for help before a crowd of more than 50 people.

Jacobo, 43, testified through tears that her 14-year-old daughter landed in Depke Juvenile Facility, in Vernon Hills, after she stabbed Jacobo's ex-boyfriend.

Jacobo said she ended the relationship, which she deemed abusive, in May. In August, she said, he attended her birthday party at her Round Lake home.

He became intoxicated, she said, and attempted to choke her. Her daughter then stabbed him.

According to Round Lake Police Chief Cliff Metaxa, the man was in a coma "for several weeks."

Metaxa said the Lake County Major Crimes Task Force Unit is investigating the violence that

How do we compare?

According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, states' statutes vary regarding their definitions of relationships that qualify for consideration under domestic violence laws. Some require that the victim and abuser have resided together, married or have a child in common.

In Illinois, the law expands that definition to include dating relationships, engagements and relationships between people with disabilities and their personal assistants.

transpired between Jacobo's ex-boyfriend and daughter, who now faces charges of attempted first-degree murder and armed violence.

Mark Curran, defense attorney handling the case, said the girl would appear in court for pre-trial on Oct. 10.

Curran said his client has pled not guilty and faces penalties, that range from probation to "undetermined" prison time.

Judge Sarah Lessman will hear this case, he said.

Curran said he anticipated a resolution within the "next couple of months."

Round Lake Police and the Lake County State's Attorney's office are investigating Jacobo's accusations against her ex-boyfriend, who Metaxa said had not been charged.



Annie Christie - achristie@nwnewsgroup.com

The Clothesline Project, hosted by A Safe Place, displays on the steps of the Lake County Court House in Waukegan at the 14th Annual Candle Lighting. The Clothesline Project gives women and children a chance to share their personal experience of violence and celebrate their transformation from victim to survivor. This project has an estimated 35,000 shirts.

The Lake County State's Attorneys Office, which is also prosecuting the case against the girl, could not be reached for comment.

The situation is an example of the way that domestic violence spreads to other members of a household, which serves as the scene of the crime, and spurs multiple manifestations of suffering. People suffer victimization multiple times within and between situations, and are re-victimized as they repeat their story through the reporting and prosecution processes, according to Chief Rose.

"From my perspective and historical experience, there is more incidence of that occur-

ring," Rose said of child-on-adult domestic violence. "There are many times that the child will try to defend the mother, [but] may not [go] to that extreme. Again, that puts a whole new focus on the issue. People have no idea how the victim category expands in a household. It's not just looking at the male perpetrator on the female victim/survivor."

Judge Rozenberg attested that people misconceive a man-on-woman offense.

Rozenberg, the domestic violence court judge in the Lake County 19th Judicial Circuit Court, said she sees 400 to 500 cases - including orders of protection - every week.

Getting help

For help or info, go to <http://www.asafeplaceforhelp.org/> or call A Safe Place Hotline at (847) 249-4450.

Rose labeled the orders "tools."

"An order of protection enforces separation and non-contact to hopefully prevent any [more] nonviolent act from occurring," he said.

Illinois state statutes allow people to file for orders of protection at no cost.

"Unfortunately, the overwhelming majority ... are not ploys," Rosenberg said of the view that alleged victims might use accusations of domestic violence to exact revenge upon former partners.

Rose said the underreporting that formerly faced law enforcement entities has improved.

But he emphasized the essentiality of consistency between service providers, like A Safe Place, law enforcement entities and the courthouse, in terms of how they deal with and identify domestic violence cases.

"If people had more of a perspective of how wide and severe and debilitating [theses cases are], they'd be more responsive and more involved," said Rozenberg. "It's not a family issue, but one of society."

Both sheriff candidates' contribution list brought into question

• DEBATE

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Del Re, of Mundelein, asserted that he had consulted with the board and its financial and law and justice committees to work on it.

In the past, Libertyville resident Curran has referred to the state of affairs in the financial department of the sheriff's office as "frightening" and disingenuous to tax-payers.

"He's a fiscal nightmare," Curran said. Del Re defended his budgeting practices as "prudent."

"I think I've done an excellent job," he said.

In August, Del Re explained that Kevin Lyons, a financial analyst, began to oversee the financial department of the Sheriff's office in January, and deemed the hire "an easy fix" for the financial operations of a department with a budget of \$50 million.

The Illinois State Board of Elections lists Lyons as a contributor to Del Re's campaign. Of the \$27,910 itemized individual and in-kind contributions ac-

counted for in the first half of 2006, Lyons donated \$200.

Del Re responded to the potential for voters to object to Lyons' June 13 contribution.

"There's no prohibition for [employees] to support the candidate of their choice," he said.

Del Re then pointed out that many of Curran's contributors reside outside of Lake County.

According to the list of people and entities that contributed \$27,060 to Curran's campaign from January to June, 36 of 128 listed addresses beyond Lake County. That's about 28 percent. At the same time roughly 19 percent (13 of 69) of posted addresses outside of Lake County on Del Re's list of itemized and in-kind contributions.

Curran did not receive any in-kind contributions.

Curran has said, if elected, he would not accept contributions from employees.

"I understand that most are a-political - they just want to do their job," he said of deputies and personnel in the department.

Curran said he would seek recommendations from current staff within the sheriff's office regarding details of protocol and performance of personnel, and hire an outside accounting firm to audit financial procedures in the department.

A couple of questions, which the audience submitted to Oller on notecards, requested details on county-wide protocol for homeland security issues and emergencies in schools.

Del Re said the schools throughout the county had updated their plans in August. The sheriff's office will conduct a drill with public schools and the police department in Mundelein at the end of October, he said.

Curran called for reform of the current system, saying law enforcement agencies in other states possess superior plans, adding that he would hire consultants to examine how to implement changes.

When asked to elaborate, Curran said that he would seek consultants' advice.

Waukegan-based defense attorney Curran has worked in the Illinois State's Attorney General's Office's civil and

criminal divisions, before which he spent eight years as an assistant state's attorney in Lake County. He continues to teach courses on criminal justice and other subjects at the college level.

Del Re joined the sheriff's department in 1994 and has occupied his current post since 1998. He spent the first 21 years of his career at the Buffalo Grove Police Department.

Del Re derided Curran for "defending criminals," and Waukegan-based defense attorney Curran accused Del Re of preying on the public's ignorance as to constitutional rights.

Curran emphasized the importance of viewing inmates as human beings.

"Ultimately we're judged on how we treat the least of us," Curran said.

Yet he later stated that gang members "should not be treated like other members of society."

In response to requests for clarification, Curran explained deputies must exercise a "no tolerance" policy while on the street.

Both departed the debate leaving the final question unanswered.

HARLAND ALVIN CRAFT JR.

Born: March 29, 1935
Died: Sept. 26, 2006
Community volunteer, dies tragically



ROUND LAKE – Harland Alvin Craft, Jr., age 71, of Round Lake Heights, died in a tragic traffic accident in northern Wisconsin on Sept. 26, 2006. Harland (Har) was born on March 29, 1935 in Gurnee. He was a veteran of the Army and a graduate of Wabash College. Har spent most of his career as a mechanic in Ford Tractor dealerships in Waukegan and Libertyville. In retirement, he tinkered in his woodshop and was very active in community service. He was a Lake County Forest Preserve volunteer and bluebird monitor, a Round Lake Park District volunteer for birds, a member of the Audubon Society and a Chain O' Lakes State Park steward.

Har is survived by his beloved wife of 49 years, Kay. He was a devoted father to Elizabeth, Stephen (Hayley Foster), Michael, and Karcn, and a kind and generous grandfather to Collins, Ashley, Madeline, Evan, Riley and Kaija, by whom he will be sorely missed.

Services were held at the Marsh

Funeral Home, Gurnee, on Oct. 7. The viewing was from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Memorial services began at 2 p.m., with a small reception followed by the service. In lieu of flowers, donations are being accepted to the Lake County Forest Preserve Green Gift Account, memo noting the Harland Craft, Jr. Memorial Fund. Please sign the Guest Book at www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits

SUSAN J. TATGENHORST

Born: Sept. 25, 1950
Died: Oct. 3, 2006
Was a teacher at Warren Township High School

LINDENHURST – Susan J. Tatgenhorst, age 56, of Lindenhurst, passed away on Tuesday, Oct. 3, 2006 at her home after a 30 year battle with multiple sclerosis (MS). She was born in Chicago, on Sept. 25, 1950, the daughter of the late John and Grace Thames. She earned her degree from Illinois State University and worked in Peru, South America with the Foster Parents Plan before beginning her career as a teacher at Palatine High School and Warren Township High School. On Jan. 28, 1972 she married her husband, Robert.

She is survived by her husband,

Robert; her children, Jeff (Angela) of Antioch, Lindsay of Lindenhurst and Derek of Chicago; and her sisters. She was preceded in death by a sister, and two brothers.

The funeral began at 9:30 a.m. on Oct. 7, 2006, at Ringa Funeral Home, in Lake Villa, and proceeded to Prince of Peace Church for a 10 a.m. Funeral Mass. Interment was private. Visitation at the funeral home was held on Oct. 6, from 4 to 8 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials would be appreciated to: Multiple Sclerosis Society, 910 W. Van Buren, 4th floor, Chicago, IL 60607 or Vitas Foundation, 580 Waters Edge, Lombard, IL 60148. Funeral info: www.ringafuneralhome.com Please sign the Guest Book at www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits

MARIE L. SCHUBERT

Born: Sept. 14, 1921
Died: Oct. 3, 2006
Was a member of the German American Club of Antioch

TREVOR, WIS. – Marie L. Schubert, age 85, of Trevor, Wis., passed away peacefully Tuesday, Oct. 3, 2006 at her home. She was born Sept. 14, 1921 in Germany the daughter of the late Stefan and Babbett (Zeit) Schellenberg. Marie

was a member of the German American Club of Antioch. Before her retirement, she worked over 25 years at Motorola as an inspector for government equipment. On Nov. 13, 1943 she married Helmut Schubert in East Germany and he preceded her in death on Dec. 29, 1999.

Survivors include her children, Dieter (Iryne) Schubert of Wadsworth, Melani (Steve) Fuehringer of Trevor, Wis. and Wolfgang Schubert of Wauconda; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by three brothers and one sister.

The funeral was held at noon Oct. 7, at the Strang Funeral Home of Antioch, with visitation starting at 10 a.m. Interment of ashes was private in Hillside Cemetery in Antioch. In lieu of flowers, those desiring may make contributions to the Antioch Rescue Squad or the Antioch Fire Department in her memory. Please sign the Guest Book at www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits

DONNA J. BLOUGH

Born: Aug. 29, 1959
Died: Oct. 2, 2006
She was born in Waynesburg, Pa.

LINDENHURST – Donna J. Blough,

age 47, of Lindenhurst, passed away on Monday, Oct. 2, 2006 at Victory Lakes Continuing Care Center in Lindenhurst. She was born in Waynesburg, Pa., the daughter of the George and late Lois Demchak.

She is survived by her husband, Bruce; her children, Joshua, Valerie (Derek) Zaloudek, and Kimberly; her sisters, Kathleen Demchak and Sheri (Eddie) Bergman, brother, George, Jr. (Lora) Demchak and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation was held on, Oct. 5, from 4 to 8 p.m. at Ringa Funeral Home, in Lake Villa. Funeral services were private. In lieu of flowers contributions would be appreciated to the American Cancer Society, 100 Tri-State Parkway, Lincolnshire, IL 60069. Please sign the Guest Book at www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits

HILDA POPE

Born: Dec. 13, 1917
Died: Oct. 4, 2006
Was a member of the Wauconda Seniors Club

WAUCONDA – Hilda Pope, age 88, a resident of Wauconda, passed away Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2006 at Condell Medical Center in

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Libertyville. She was born Dec. 13, 1917 in Missouri. Hilda was a former member of the Eagle River, Wis. S.E.R.V.E.

Hilda is survived by her sons George (Donna), John (Marisue), David (Leslee) and James Pope, her eight grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

A Funeral Mass was celebrated on Oct. 10, at 11 a.m. at St. Gilbert Catholic Church in Grayslake, in the small chapel. Friends of the family visited on Oct. 9, from 5 to 8 p.m., at the Strang Funeral Chapel & Crematorium in Grayslake. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Diabetes Assoc. 30 N. Michigan Ave., 2015, Chicago, IL 60602. Please sign the Guest Book at www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits

MAY HENRIETTA DICKIE McADOO DAHL

Born: May 18, 1914

Died: Oct. 4, 2006

Was very active in the North Austin Lutheran church in Chicago

ST. PETERSBURG, FLA. – May Henrietta Dickie McAdoo Dahl, age 92, a 30-year resident of St. Petersburg, Fla., recently of Fox Lake passed away Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2006 at Alden Terrace in McHenry. She was born in Chicago to the late William and Elizabeth (nee: Robinson) McAdoo of Belfast, Ireland. She was very active in the North Austin Lutheran Church in Chicago and Hope Lutheran (Bethel) in St. Petersburg, FL.

May is survived by her daughter Gwen Pearson, her son Roger Dahl, her grandchildren; and her great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Harold Dahl.

A memorial service was held at 3 p.m., on Oct. 8 at the Strang Funeral Chapel & Crematorium in Grayslake. Friends of the family visited from 2 p.m., until the time of the service. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 100 Tri-State International Ste. 125 Lincolnshire, IL 60069. Please sign the Guest Book at www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits

FRIEDRICH RUDOLPH PRUETTING

Born: Nov. 15, 1928

Died: Oct. 4, 2006

Was an avid fisherman and liked to do woodwork

LAKE VILLA – Friedrich Rudolph Pruetting, age 77, of Lake Villa,

passed away on Oct. 4, 2006. He was born in Germany, the son of the late Georg and Else Pruetting. He attended military school at Das Grobe Militar Waisenhaus zu Potsdam in Potsdam, Germany. He lived in Berlin, Germany before immigrating to the United States in 1957. He was retired from Eagle Foods and was a longtime member of Local 546 Meatcutters Union.

He is survived by his children, Margrit Pruetting, Monika (Tom) Duncan, Peter (Dawn) Pruetting, Andy (Kathy) Pruetting and Angela Meyer; his grandchildren; and a sister. He was preceded in death by his son, Bernhard and a brother.

Memorial visitation was on Oct. 8, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Ringa Funeral Home in Lake Villa. In lieu of flowers, memorials would be appreciated to the American Cancer Society, 100 Tri-State Parkway, Lincolnshire, IL 60069. Please sign the Guest Book at www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits

ELEANOR M. MAY

Born: May 14, 1924

Died: Oct. 2, 2006

A former VP of the 'We Care' Club in Round Lake Beach

GRAYSLAKE – Eleanor M. May, age 82, of Grayslake, died Monday, Oct. 2, 2006 at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville. Born May 14, 1924 to Frank and Stella (nee Trynkewicz) Dec. She is a former VP of the "We Care" Club in Round Lake Beach, of which she has been a member for over 25 years.

Survivors include her children Larry F. (Cindy) May of Spring Grove and Jeffrey May of Grayslake. Her husband, Bruno G. May, her sons Randy S. May and Gary S. May, and her aforementioned parents preceded her in death.

All services were privately held. For information, contact Strang Funeral Chapel & Crematorium, 410 E Belvidere Rd, Grayslake, IL 60030, 847-223-8122, www.strangfuneral.org. Please sign the Guest Book at www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits

JOHN B. 'JACK' VERLINDEN

Born: Sept. 31, 1927

Died: Oct. 5, 2006

Was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps

VERNON HILLS – John B. "Jack" Verlenden, age 79, of Vernon Hills, passed away Thursday, Oct. 5,

2006 at the Condell Medical Center in Libertyville. He was born in Detroit, Mich. and was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps,

Surviving are his wife Peggy Verlenden; two children, John E. Verlenden of Lake Villa and Susan Lynn Verlenden of Vernon Hills; and one brother. He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Geraldine Verlenden.

Visitation began at noon, Oct. 9, followed by a funeral service at 2 p.m., at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. Interment followed at Lakeside Cemetery. Please sign the Guest Book at www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits

MARY M. WELKER

Born: Aug. 18, 1917

Died: Sept. 22, 2006

She and her husband enjoyed their retirement years at Largo, Fla.

LIBERTYVILLE – Mary M. Welker, age 89, of Libertyville, passed away Friday, Sept. 22, 2006 at the Balmoral Care Center in Lake Forest. She was born Aug. 18, 1917 in Morrisdale, Pa., and was a resident of Friedens, Pa. for many years. Mary was an active volunteer, always helping friends and neighbors at Ranchero Village in Largo, Fla.

Surviving are two children, Janet (Tracy) Narby of Libertyville and Terry (Gloria) Welker of Dallastown, Pa.; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; her brother-in-law, sister-in-law, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by Wendel in 2002, her husband of 65 years; an infant daughter, Wendy Kay, and her brother.

Memorial services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 26 at the Balmoral Care Center in Lake Forest. Memorial donations may be directed to their Memory Unit, 1101 Pembroke Dr., Lake Forest, IL 60045. Info; Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, Libertyville. (847) 362-3009. Please sign the Guest Book at www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits

CHERYL LYNN DUCK

Born: March 20, 1961

Died: Oct. 3, 2006

A 1978 graduate of Libertyville High school

LIBERTYVILLE – Cheryl Lynn Duck, age 45, a former resident of Libertyville, passed away Tues. Oct. 3, 2006 at the ManorCare Health Services in Highland Park following a lengthy illness. She was born in St. Louis Park, Minn., was a 1978 graduate of Libertyville High School and received her degree in electrical en-

gineering from the Illinois Institute of Technology.

Surviving are her children, Tyier and Sadie Duck-Dennert and their father, John Dennert, all of Waukesha, Wis.; her mother, Barbara (Carl) Zienty of Lake Villa; her father, James Duck and brother, Steven Duck, both of Gurnee.

Visitation was from noon until the time of services at 2 p.m., Oct. 6 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, in Libertyville. Private interment was at Lakeside Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made to her family, as an education fund is being established for her children. Please sign the Guest Book at www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits

STEPHEN T. WELLS

Born: Aug. 29, 1948

Died: Oct. 3, 2006

Was a salesman for several automobile dealers in the area

LIBERTYVILLE – Stephen T. Wells, age 58, a former resident of Libertyville, passed away suddenly Tuesday, Oct. 3, 2006 at his home in Pleasant Prairie, Wis. He was born Aug. 29, 1948 in Waukegan and was a 1966 graduate of Libertyville High School. Steve had been a salesman for several automobile dealers in the area.

Surviving are his son Stephen Wells of California; his parents, Helen Wells of Libertyville and Thomas (Evelyn) Wells of Palm Harbor, Fla.; his sister; four brothers; and many nieces and nephews.

A public visitation was held on Oct. 6, from 5 to 8 p.m., at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. A private service for his family was held Oct. 7 with interment following at Lakeside Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made to the Lakeside Cemetery Renovation Fund, P.O. Box 500, Libertyville, IL 60048. Please sign the Guest Book at www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits

NELLIE CAROL HARDING

Born: Jan. 11, 1922

Died: Oct. 5, 2006

She was a meteorologist for the U.S. Marine Corps during WWII

LAKE VILLA – Nellie Carol Harding, 84, of Lake Villa, passed away on Thursday, Oct. 5, 2006 at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville. She was born in

Douglasville, Ga., on Jan. 11, 1922, the daughter of the late James and Estelle Harding. She was a veteran of WW II, serving in the U.S. Marine Corps where she began her service with the second company of women to be trained. During her service she was a meteorologist. She taught at Libertyville High School for over 15 years.

She is survived and will be greatly missed by several cousins, special neighbors and many friends. She was preceded in death by her sister, Mildred.

Visitation was on Oct. 9, from 9 to 10 a.m. at Ringa Funeral Home, in Lake Villa. The funeral was at 10 a.m. on Oct. 9. Interment was at Lakeside Cemetery in Libertyville. Please sign the Guest Book at www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits

DAVID E. WILSON

Born: Oct. 20, 1924

Died: Oct. 5, 2006

He served in the U.S. Army during WWII



ROUND LAKE PARK – David E. Wilson, age 81, of Round Lake Park, passed away on Oct. 5, 2006 at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville. He was born in Auburn, Ky. on Oct. 20, 1924. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Army. He retired from the Williams Electrical Corp. where he served as an electrical inspector.

He is survived by his children, Rose (John) Cason of Georgia, Mary Jean (Larry) Medolan of Stickney, Nancy (Gilbert) Keller of Indiana, Mike (Tammy) Wilson of Round Lake Park and Mark Tcharanian of Chicago; eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren also survive. He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy.

The funeral began at 7 p.m., Oct. 9, at Ringa Funeral Home in Lake Villa, with Rev. Terry Breum, pastor of St. Mark Lutheran Church officiating. Interment was private. Visitation was at the funeral home Oct. 9, from 4 to 7 p.m..

CATHERINE A. WICINSKI

Born: June 22, 1911

Died: Oct. 6, 2006

A lifelong member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Round Lake

ROUND LAKE BEACH – Catherine A. Wicinski, age 95, of Round Lake Beach, passed away Oct. 6, 2006 at home. She was born in Chicago to Michael and Anna Koziol.

Surviving are her children; Joan (Conrad) Walker, Robert (Helen) Wicinski, Marion (Patricia) Wicinski, Daniel (Bernice) Wicinski, Thomas (Susan) Wicinski, Dolores (the late Kenneth) Hagen, Carol (Alfred) Hertel, and Martin Wicinski; 32 grandchildren; 52 great-grandchildren; 11 great-great-grandchildren with two more on the way; and her daughter-in-law Marilyn Couch. Her husband, Casimir Wicinski, son, Norbert Wicinski, three grandchildren, and one great-grandchild all precede her in death.

Friends of the family visited on Oct. 10, from 4 to 8 p.m. at Strang Funeral Chapel and Crematorium in Grayslake. A Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated at 11 a.m. on Oct. 11, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, in Round Lake. Interment followed at St. Joseph Cemetery in Round Lake. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to Condell Hospice, 115 W. Church Street, Libertyville, IL 60048, would be appreciated. Please sign the Guest Book at www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits

ALBERT E. SODMAN

Born: March 15, 1925
Died: Oct. 2, 2006
Served in the U.S. Army during WWII



ANTIOCH – Albert E. Sodman, age 81, of Antioch passed away on Monday Oct. 2, 2006 at the V.A. Medical Center in North Chicago. Albert was born on March 15, 1925 in Highwood, the son of the late Albert and Lillian Gustafson. He was drafted into the Army in 1943. Al served in the European Theatre arriving in Marseille, France in 1944. He was wounded in Germany on March 22, 1945 and spent time in various hospitals until he was honorably discharged on Oct. 12, 1945. On Nov. 14, 1945 he married Jenniev Nevelier at the Antioch United Methodist Church. He owned and operated Al's Citgo Service Station on the corner of Main Street and North Avenue in Antioch. With a partner, he built the North Avenue Shops Mini Mall on the corner and retired in 1982.

Survivors include his wife of 61 years Jenniev; his daughter, Elaine Zeman; his sons, Steven of Antioch and Tracy (Debbie) of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; his seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. He was pre-

ceded in death by his son Randy and his two sisters

The funeral was held at 7 p.m., on Oct. 6, at the Strang Funeral Home in Antioch with the visitation starting at 4 p.m.. Interment with Military Honors was held at 10 a.m., on Oct. 7, in Angola Cemetery, Lake Villa. In Lieu of flowers those desiring may make contributions to the Antioch Rescue Squad or to the Antioch Fire Department in his memory. Please sign the Guest Book at www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits

TERRY D. BARRON

Born: March 3, 1939
Died: Oct. 6, 2006
Enjoyed a hobby of automobiles and Mustang auto sports

GREEN OAKS – Terry D. Barron, age 67 of Green Oaks, passed away suddenly, Friday, Oct. 6, 2006 at his home. He enjoyed golf, and his hobby of automobiles and Mustang auto sports, led him to having a home in Elkhart Lake, Wis. He was a residential and commercial architect with the Barron Design Group.

Surviving are his wife, Deborah Barron of Green Oaks; three children, Randy (Diana) Barron of Hawaii, Cody (Mary) Barron of Webb City, Mo. and Jennifer (William) Caison of Ladera Ranch, Calif.; five grandchildren; a sister; and a brother. He was preceded in death by his parents, Hershel and Dorthea Barron.

The funeral was held at 11 a.m., Oct. 10 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. Interment followed at Lakeside Cemetery. Visitation was from 5 to 8 p.m. on Oct. 9. Memorial contributions can be made to the Lakeside Cemetery Renovation Fund, P.O. Box 500, Libertyville, IL 60048. Please sign the Guest Book at www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits

GLORIA BERUMEN

Born: Sept. 22, 1936
Died: Oct. 3, 2006
Came to live in the U.S.A. in 1993

ROUND LAKE – Gloria Berumen, age 70, of Round Lake, passed away Tuesday, Oct. 3, 2006 at her home. She was born Sept. 22, 1936 in Mexico and came to live in the U.S.A. in 1993.

Surviving are nine children, Jeronimo (Francisca) Berumen and Natividad (Jose), both of Chicago, Jose Isabel (Marle) Berumen of Mexico, Fabiola (Salvador) Rubelo of Waukegan, Heriberto (Mary)

Berumen of Indiana, Dalila (Jose) Figueroa of Lake Villa, Virginia (Artemio) Antunez, Carmen (David) Rodriguez, Monserrath (David) Quezada, all of Round Lake and 24 grandchildren.

Prayers began at 11 a.m., Oct. 6 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville and continue to St. Joseph Church in Round Lake for the Funeral Mass at noon. Interment followed at Lakeside Cemetery in Libertyville. Visitation was at the funeral home from 4 to 8 p.m. Oct. 5.

BENITA CUEVAS

Born: April 16, 1925
Died: Oct. 6, 2006
Born in Mexico

WAUKEGAN – Benita Cuevas, age 81, of Waukegan, died Oct. 6, 2006 at home.

Benita is survived by her children, Fidel (Carmen) Cuevas of California, Sabina (Venancio) Guzman of Waukegan, Roberto (Cecilia) Cuevas of Beach Park, Elvira (Zenon) Laureano of Texas, Silvestre Cuevas of Waukegan, Hector (Maria) Cuevas of California, Celia (Jorge) Figueroa of Waukegan, Maria L. (Ruben) Buenrostro of Waukegan, and Jose Luis (Ruby) Cuevas of Beach Park; 30 grandchildren; and 26 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Silvestre Cuevas; and her daughter, Maria Elena Vigil.

Visitation was on Oct. 8 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Marsh Funeral Home in Waukegan with a Mass of Christian Burial on Oct. 9, at 11 a.m. at Holy Family Church in Waukegan. Interment was at Ascension Cemetery in Libertyville. Please sign the Guest Book at www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits

MARY A. BURNS

Born: Aug. 18, 1910
Died: Oct. 4, 2006

NORTH CHICAGO – Mary A. Burns, age 96 of North Chicago, died Oct. 4, 2006 at Vista medical Center East in Waukegan. She was born Aug. 18, 1910 in Green Co., Ga.

She is survived by a daughter-in-law, Geneva Burns of Calumet Park; six grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild, and many other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by a son, Riley Burns in 2004.

The funeral was held at 11 a.m., Oct. 9 at the Mt. Sinai Institutional Baptist Church in North Chicago, with Pastor Gerald Wilcoxon officiat-

ing. Visitation began at 10 a.m., Oct. 9 at the church. Interment was at North Shore Garden of Memories Cemetery in North Chicago. Arrangements were handled by the Bradshaw & Range Funeral Home in Waukegan. Please sign the Guest Book at www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits

BETTY LOU JURANKO

Born: July 20, 1919
Died: Oct. 5, 2006
Worked in Washington D.C. during WWII

DELTON, MI. – Betty Lou Juranko, age 87 of Delton, Mich., formerly of Waukegan, died on Thursday, Oct. 5, 2006 at Laurels of Sandy Creek Nursing Home in Wayland, Mich. She had been employed at the Sear Store in Waukegan.

Surviving are two sons, George Michael Millhouse of Waukegan and John (Rosanne) Millhouse of Middleville, Mich.; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; a sister; and many other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her husband, William Juranko; and a brother.

Visitation was held on Oct. 9 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Congdon Funeral Home in Zion. An interment service followed at Highland Memorial Park in Libertyville. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations are suggested to York House United

Methodist Church, 37768 N. Green Bay Rd., Beach Park, IL 60087. Please sign the Guest Book at www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits

FRANK L. COWAN

Born: Aug. 15, 1915
Died: Oct. 1, 2006
Served in the U.S. Army during WWII



NORTH CHICAGO – Frank L. Cowan, age 91, of North Chicago, died Oct. 1, 2006 at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in North Chicago. He was born in Ashville, N.C., the son of James and Nannie Cowan.

He is survived by a daughter, Carol Rance-Davis of Lakeland, Fla.; a sister; two grandsons; two granddaughters; seven great-grandchildren; 13 great-great-grandchildren; and many other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his wife, Viola Cowan; his parents; two brothers and two sisters.

The funeral was held at 11 a.m. Oct. 9 at the Bradshaw & Range Funeral Home in Waukegan, with Pastor John McBride officiating. Interment was at North Shore Garden of Memories Cemetery in North Chicago. Visitation began at 10 a.m. Please sign the Guest Book at www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits

Recent Deaths

JENNIE DOWELL, 95 of Woodstock, Sept. 30, 2006. Arr: Colonial Funeral Home in McHenry

DOROTHY BARDO, 88, of Highland Park, Sept. 30, 2006. Arr: Strang Funeral Chapel & Crematorium in Grayslake

BETTY J. GILBERT, 81 of Libertyville, Sept. 29, 2006. Arr: Strang Funeral Home of Antioch

MICHAEL W. CALDWELL, 50 of Round Lake Beach, Sept. 20, 2006. Arr: Justen's Round Lake Funeral Home

GILBERT J. PESAVENTO SR., 87 of Lindenhurst, Sept. 20, 2006. Arr: Ringa Funeral Home in Lake Villa

JUNE MARIE STUPARITS, 64 of Bristol, Wis., formerly of Antioch, Oct. 1, 2006. Arr: Strang Funeral Home of Antioch

VIRGINIA A. SHEAHAN, 81 of Libertyville, Sept. 21, 2006. Arr:

Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville

ALLEN J. RIOUX, 64 of Beach Park, Sept. 23, 2006. Arr: Congdon Funeral Home in Zion

BEVERLY 'BEV' SHAW, 85 of Gurnee, Sept. 29, 2006. Arr: Salata-Gurnee Funeral Home in Gurnee

CARRIE ANN SEGER, 34 of Beach Park, Sept. 30, 2006. Arr: Salata-Gurnee Funeral Home in Gurnee

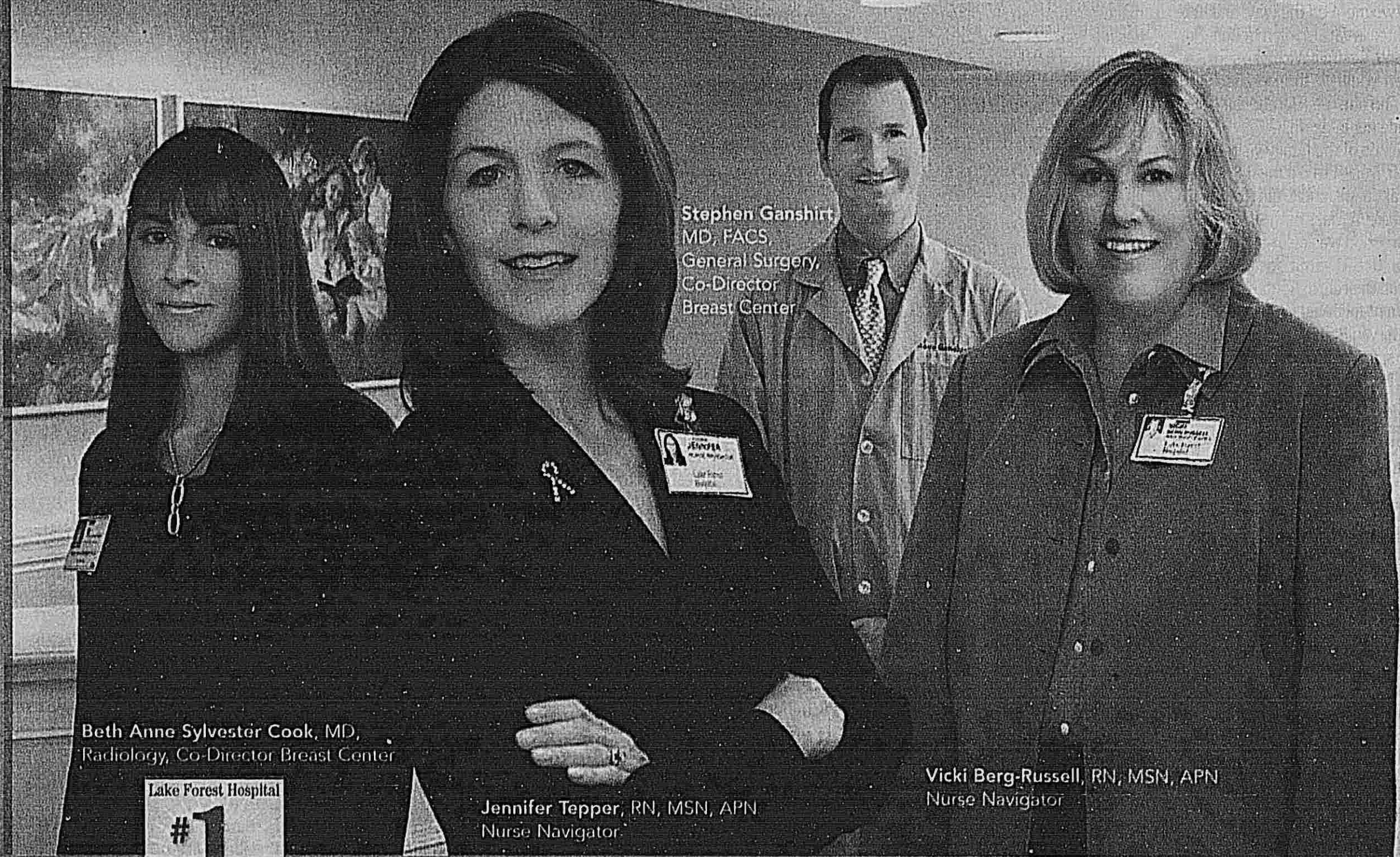
CHESTER ARTHUR SWOPES SR., 76 of North Chicago, Sept. 27, 2006. Arr: Bradshaw & Range Funeral Home in Waukegan

ADOLPH ANTHONY 'TONY' AUZIS, 90 of Waukegan, Sept. 25, 2006. Arr: Marsh Funeral Home in Waukegan

MICHAEL J. GALAYDA, 24 of Zion, Sept. 18, 2006. Arr: Congdon Funeral Home in Zion

To submit an obituary, please call Nancy Thielsen at (847) 223-8161, ext. 143 or e-mail wjobs@weeklyjournals.com. Obituaries must be received by noon on Tuesday.

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ANTIOCH

• **NICC Harvest Festival.** 4-10 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 14 and noon-5 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 15. Northern Illinois Conservation Club, Rt. 83 south of Rt. 173. Carnival games, storytellers, craft tables, food and drink. For more information, visit www.lake-online.com/nicc.

• **Family Fest.** Noon-4 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 15. Williams Park, 741 Main St. Hosted by the Antioch Township Republican Club. Free food, entertainment and a chance to meet Republican candidates. For more information, call Brent Bluthardt at (847) 838-0212.

• **Low Vision Fair.** 1-4 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 21. Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, 1501 Deep Lake Rd. Lions' Club members will be conducting vision screenings, and various vendors will be demonstrating vision aids. All are welcome. For more information, call (847) 395-9400.

• **Antioch Village Board regular meeting.** 7:30 p.m., third Mondays. Village Hall, 874 Main St.

• **Village of Antioch Park Board meeting.** 7 p.m., third Wednesdays. Municipal Building, 874 Main St. For more information, call (847) 395-1000.

• **Antioch Community High School Board meeting.** 7:30 p.m., third Thursdays.

• **Bingo.** 12:45 p.m., Mondays. The Senior Center. Call (847) 395-0139 for details.

• **Bingo.** 6:45 p.m., Tuesdays. Antioch VFW. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. Call (847) 395-5393 for more information.

• **Pinochle.** 12:30 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays. The Senior Center. Call (847) 395-0139 for details.

• **A Safe Place support group meeting.** Mondays. For women who are dealing with abuse in their homes. All are welcome. No fees. Call A Safe Place at (847) 249-4450 or (847) 249-6557 (TTY) or go to asafeplaceforhelp.org for more information.

• **Lake County Community Health Partnership Immunization Clinic.** 4-6 p.m., third Wednesdays. VFW Post 4551, 75 North Ave. Call (847) 377-8470 for details.

• **Take Off Pounds Sensibly meeting.** 6:30 p.m., Wednesdays, weigh-in, 7 p.m. meeting. The Senior Center, 817 Holbek Dr. Call Dorothy Stark at (847) 395-7407 or Betty Muller at (847) 838-3907 for more information.

• **Kiwanis Club of Antioch meeting.** Noon, Tuesdays. Bacchus Restaurant. The public is welcome. Call Melissa at (847) 489-8044 or e-mail at mjrigoni@hotmail.com for more information.

• **The Antioch Township Republican Club meeting.** 7 p.m., third Wednesdays. Antioch Township offices. Call Brent Bluthardt at (847) 838-0212 for more information.

• **Antioch Coin Club meeting.** 7:30 p.m., third Mondays. Antioch Library, 757 Main St. Open to the public. Call JoAnne at (847) 395-4738 for more information.

• **Lake County Spinner's Guild meeting.** 10 a.m., third Thursdays. Call Chris at (847) 840-6464 for details.

• **Lakes Area Community Band rehearsal.** 7-9 p.m., Mondays. Antioch Community High School band room. Area musicians high school age and older are welcome to join. No auditions. Call Debbie Davis at (847) 395-0272 to learn more.

• **Open gym.** 7-9 p.m., Sundays. Antioch Community High School. \$2. Adults only.

CRYSTAL LAKE

• **Crystal Lake Toastmasters Club meeting.** 8-10 a.m., first and third Saturdays at Amcore Bank Building, Rt. 14 and Pingree Rd. Develop your presentation and leadership skills. For information, call Steve at (847) 526-1525 or visit <http://user.mc.net/~toast1>.

FOX LAKE

• **Lake County North American Water Garden Society meeting.** 7 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 18. 601 S. Hwy. 12. Topic is fall pond maintenance and winter prep. Public is welcome. For more information, call Dale Vnuk at (847) 476-3811 or Marcia Vnuk at (847) 587-2744.

• **Lake County North American Water Garden Society annual Pond Tour to Die For.** 3 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 21. Free tickets available at Wyld Creek Water Gardens, 601 S. Hwy. 12, or call (847) 587-2744 or more information.

• **Lakeland Cardinals Coach and Football/Cheerleading Parents meeting.** 8 p.m., third Wednesdays at Harris Bank, 1310 Rt. 12. For more information, call Dennis Whiton at (847) 587-0070 or visit www.lakelandcardinals.com.

GURNEE

• **Habitat for Humanity fundraiser.** Saturday, Oct. 14. Centre Club, 1405 Hunt Club Rd. Spin-a-thons, karaoke and a silent auction. Tickets for karaoke and the auction are \$15. Spin-a-thon sessions are at noon and 2 p.m. The auction runs 7:30-10 p.m., and karaoke 7:30 p.m.-midnight. For more information, call Nancy at (847) 609-2652 or (847) 543-8119.

• **Lake County Gem and Mineral Society 41st Annual Show.** Oct. 20-22. Friday hours: 2-7 p.m.; Saturday hours: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; and Sunday hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Gurnee Holiday Inn, 6161 W. Grand Ave., across from Gurnee Mills. Admission is \$2 for adults, with children under 12 free and seniors 62 and older \$1. A wonderland of gems, jewelry, minerals and fossils.

• **"Feng Shui for Modern Day Living."** 2:30-5 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 21.

Centre Club, Education Room, 1405 Hunt Club Rd. Master Teacher Ho Lynn speaks about bringing feng shui into your life. Suggested donation of \$10. There is limited seating; RSVP by e-mail to helenlau333@comcast.net or call (847) 367-6955.

• **Network Lake County meeting.** 8-9 a.m., Thursdays. A business networking group meeting in Gurnee. Call Boyce Buckner at (847) 838-0058 to learn more.

• **Lake County Chamber of Commerce networkers group meeting.** 7:30 a.m., first and third Fridays. In-Laws Restaurant, 720 N. Milwaukee Ave. Call (847) 249-3800 for information.

• **Gurnee Jaycees, Gurnee/Lindenhurst chapter, meeting.** 7:30 p.m., third Wednesdays. In-Laws Restaurant, 720 N. Milwaukee Ave. Visit www.gurneejaycees.org or write to Jaycees, P.O. Box 465, Gurnee, IL 60031 for more details.

• **Daniel Wright Toastmasters Club meeting.** 7-9 p.m., first and third Tuesdays. In-Laws Restaurant, 720 Milwaukee Ave. For more information, call Sam Valenti at (847) 722-2828, or visit danielwright.freetoasthost.org.

• **Singles (ages 55+) Breakfast Group meeting.** 8:30 a.m., Saturdays. In-Laws Restaurant, 720 Milwaukee Ave. Call Chuck at (847) 362-5458 for details.

• **Heather Ridge Conservation Club meeting.** 7:30 p.m., third Thursdays. Heather Ridge Community Center.

• **Gurnee Garden Club meeting.** 7 p.m., third Thursdays. Viking Park, 4374 Old Grand Ave. Guests welcome. Call Hilde at (847) 549-0853 for details.

• **Lake County Gem and Mineral Society meeting.** 7 p.m., third Tuesdays. Warren-Newport Public Library, 224 N. O'Plaine Rd. For more information, call Rachel Schreiner at (847) 973-1808.

INGLESIDE

• **Fox Lake-Grant Township Area Historical Society Potluck Social.** 4 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 22. Grant Hall Museum, 411 Washington St. Come to chat, view the museum's latest additions and eat the great variety of food! For more information, call (847) 587-5044.

• **Grant Hall Museum.** 1-4 p.m., Sundays. Fox Lake-Grant Township Area Historical Society, 411 Washington St. Admission free, donations accepted. For information, call (847) 587-0544 or mail P.O. Box 224, Ingleside, IL 60041.

• **The Shutterbugs photography club meeting.** 7-9 p.m., third Wednesdays. Volo Bog State Natural Area. Ages 16 to adult welcome. Workshops, guest speakers and competitions. Call (815) 344-1294 for information.

• **Lake County Astronomical**

Society meeting. 8:30-10 p.m., third Fridays. Volo Bog State Natural Area. Meeting followed by a 9:30 p.m. viewing period. For information, call (815) 344-1294 or visit www.lcas-astronomy.org.

LAKE VILLA

• **Book Fair, "Reading Rain Forest."** Oct. 16-19. Monday and Wednesday evening and Tuesday and Thursday during the school day. Thompson Elementary School, 515 Thompson Ln. For more information, call Michele Hawksworth at (847) 265-9910.

• **Weigh to Win meeting.** 7-8 p.m., Tuesdays. Calvary Christian Center, Monaville Rd. Call (847) 356-6181 to learn more.

• **La Leche League of Central Lake County meeting.** 10 a.m., third Wednesdays. Lake Villa United Methodist Church on Sherwood. No fee or registration required to attend. La Leche League is dedicated to support for women who choose breastfeeding. Children of all ages are welcome. Call any of these group leaders: Karen (847) 918-1257, Valerie (847) 838-0581 or Chris (847) 367-2536.

• **Lake Villa Take Off Pounds Sensibly meeting.** 5:30 p.m., Wednesdays. Church of the Holy Family, 25291 W. Lehman. Call Cathy at (847) 587-7710 or Debbie at (847) 687-5531 for details.

• **Chain O'Lakes Model A Ford Club meeting.** 7:30 p.m., third Tuesdays. Lake Villa City Park, Fairfield and Grand Avenue.

• **MOMS Club of Lake Villa/Lindenhurst meeting.** 9:30 a.m., Mondays. Lake Villa District Library, 1001 Grand Ave. Children welcome. For more information, call Erin Bearss at (847) 546-1545.

LINDENHURST

• **Lindenhurst Village Board meeting.** 7 p.m., second and fourth Mondays. Village Hall Boardroom. Call (847) 356-8252 for more information.

• **Lindenhurst Planning Commission meeting.** 7:30 p.m., first and third Wednesdays. Village Hall. Call (847) 356-8252 to learn more.

• **Free blood pressure screening.** 8 a.m.-noon, Mondays. Victory Lakes Continued Care Center. Call (847) 356-5900 to learn more.

• **Alzheimer's support group meeting.** 4 p.m., third Wednesdays. Victory Lakes Continuing Care Center, 1055 E. Grand Ave. Call (847) 356-5900 to learn more.

• **Lindenhurst/Lakes Area Kiwanis Club meeting.** 7:30-8:30 a.m., first and third Thursdays. Victory Lakes Continuing Care Center. For information, call (847) 356-7912.

McHENRY

• **Tourette Syndrome Assn. of**

Illinois support group meeting. 7-8:30 p.m., third Fridays. Elm Street Place Office Complex, lower level meeting room, 5400 W. Elm St. For additional information, call (815) 675-0436.

MILLBURN

• **Lake County Doll Collectors meeting.** 1 p.m., third Saturdays. Millburn Congregational Church, Rt. 45 and Grass Lake Rd. Call (847) 623-2072 for details.

ROUND LAKE

• **Big Brothers, Big Sisters meeting.** 6:30-8 p.m., Mondays. Calvary Presbyterian Church, 510 Cedar Lake Rd. Call (847) 360-0770 for information.

ROUND LAKE HEIGHTS

• **Round Lake Area Community Band rehearsal.** 7-9 p.m., Tuesdays. Indian Hill School, 1920 N. Lotus Dr. New musicians and all instruments are always welcome. Call Christi at (847) 546-8558, ext. 422 to learn more.

SKOKIE

• **Jewish Genealogical Society meeting, "Genetic Genealogy."** 1-4 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 22. Temple Beth Israel, 3601 W. Dempster St. Jeffrey Bassett will discuss DNA testing for genealogical research. All are welcome. For more information, call (312) 666-0100 or visit www.jewishgen.org/jgsi.

SPRING GROVE

• **Spring Grove Village Board meeting.** 6 p.m., first and third Tuesdays. Council Chambers at the Municipal Centre, 7401 Meyer Rd. For more information, call (815) 675-2121.

VOLO

• **Animal Protection Association Fundraisin' Garage Sale.** 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Friday-Sunday, Oct. 13-15. 27557 W. Volo Village Rd., off of Rt. 120 and 12; watch for signs. Proceeds benefit APA's low-cost spay/neuter, vaccination and medical services programs. For more information, call (847) 740-3977.

WAUKEGAN

• **Ray Bradbury Storytelling Festival, "Something Wicked This Way Comes."** 7 p.m., Friday, Oct. 20. Genesee Theatre, 221 N. Genesee St. Tickets are \$17 and available at the Genesee Theatre box office and Ticketmaster: call (312) 559-1212 or visit www.ticketmaster.com. For more information about the show, call (847) 623-2041 or visit www.waukeganpl.org.

• *To submit an item to the Calendar, e-mail to wjcalendar@weeklyjournals.com, phone (847) 223-8161 or fax (847) 223-8810 at least 14 days before the event.*

NASCAR THIS WEEK

NEXTEL CUP SERIES

■ **Race:** Bank of America 500
 ■ **Where:** Lowe's Motor Speedway, Concord, N.C. (1.5 miles), 334 laps/501 miles.
 ■ **When:** Saturday, Oct. 14
 ■ **Last year's winner:** Jimmie Johnson
 ■ **Qualifying record:** Elliott Sadler, Ford, 193.216 mph, Oct. 13, 2005.
 ■ **Race record:** Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 160.306 mph, Oct. 11, 1999.
 ■ **Last week:** Brian Vickers wrecked the sport's most popular driver, Dale Earnhardt Jr., and his own teammate, Jimmie Johnson, on the final lap at Talladega Superspeedway. That's the way he won for the first time in his Nextel Cup career. Asked to describe it, Vickers initially used one word: "Exciting." Then he

anticipated the obvious question: "Yes, I did have mixed emotions." At one point, Vickers said, he dropped to the back, hoping to miss the almost inevitable multicar crash that almost always characterizes the races at this sprawling track. But, he said, it was too boring back there. "If we get in a wreck, we get in a wreck," he said, "and that's what we did." "I showed Brian (Vickers) a couple of moves earlier in the race I probably shouldn't have shown him," said Earnhardt Jr. Once upon a time, a Talladega race had 75 lead changes. This one, contested on brand-new coat of silky-smooth asphalt, had 63. Twenty-three different drivers led.

BUSCH SERIES

■ **Race:** Dollar General 300
 ■ **Where:** Lowe's Motor Speedway, Concord, N.C. (1.5 miles), 200 laps/300 miles.
 ■ **When:** Friday, Oct. 13
 ■ **Last year's winner:** Ryan Newman
 ■ **Qualifying record:** Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 187.735 mph, Oct. 14, 2005.
 ■ **Race record:** Mark Martin, Ford, 155.799 mph, May 25, 1996.
 ■ **Last race:** Points leader Kevin Harvick won the Yellow Transportation 300 at Kansas Speedway, holding off Matt Kenseth.

CRAFTSMAN TRUCK

■ **Race:** Kroger 200
 ■ **Where:** Martinsville (Va.) Speedway (1.526 miles), 500 laps/263 miles.
 ■ **When:** Saturday, Oct. 21
 ■ **Last year's winner:** Ricky Craven
 ■ **Qualifying record:** Rick Crawford, Ford, 95.966 mph, Oct. 21, 2005.
 ■ **Race record:** Jon Wood, Ford, 72.069 mph, Oct. 18, 2003.
 ■ **Last week:** Mark Martin, in a Ford, won for the fifth time this season, capturing the inaugural truck race at Talladega Superspeedway.

CHARLOTTE DATA

FX All-Star Challenge May 20
 FOX Coca-Cola 600 May 28
 NBC Bank of America 500 Oct. 14

FINISH START

LOWE'S Home Improvement Warehouse MOTOR SPEEDWAY CHARLOTTE

Distance:.....1.5 mile oval
 Length of frontstretch:.....1,952 ft.
 Length of backstretch:.....1,360 ft.
 Miles/Laps:.....600 mi. = 400 laps

Banking in turns 1-4

TOP 10 IN POINTS

NEXTEL CUP	
1. Jeff Burton	5,598
2. Matt Kenseth	-6
3. Mark Martin	-10
4. Kevin Harvick	-33
5. Denny Hamlin	-51
6. Dale Earnhardt Jr.	-106
7. Jeff Gordon	-147
8. Jimmie Johnson	-156
9. Kasey Kahne	-185
10. Kyle Busch	-185

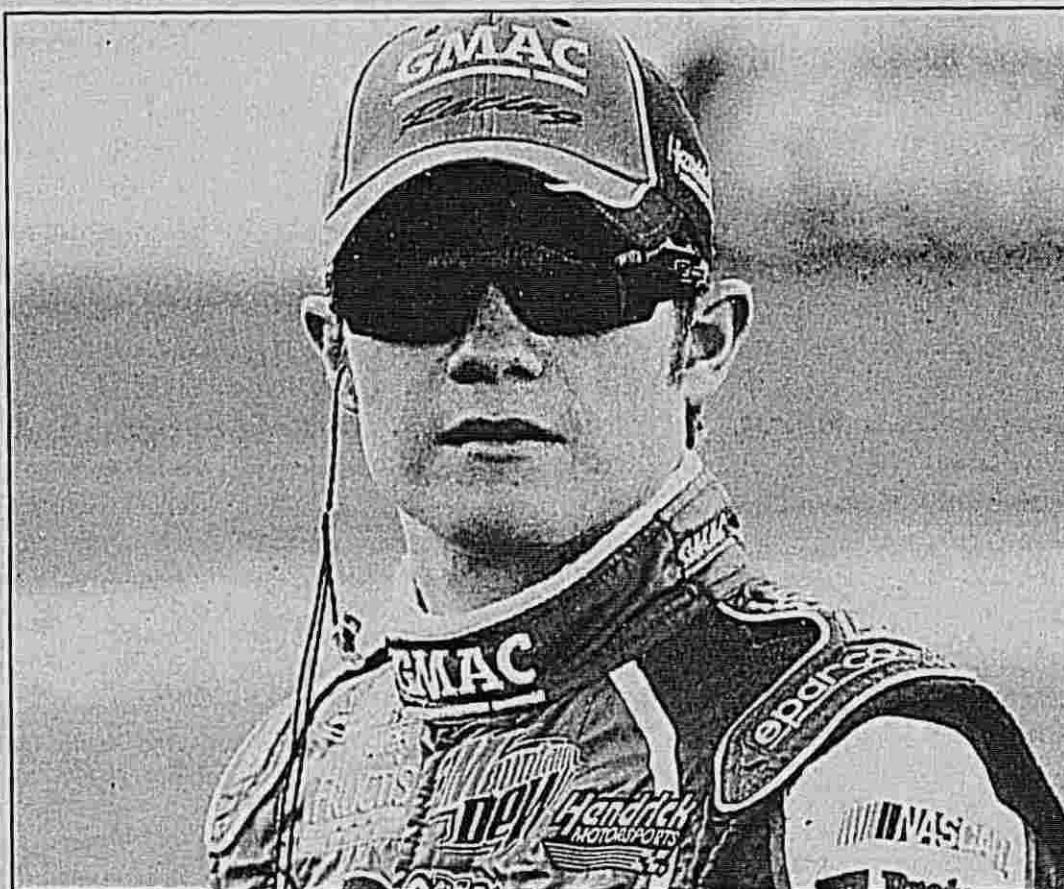
BUSCH SERIES	
1. Kevin Harvick	4,810
2. Carl Edwards	-729
3. Clint Bowyer	-855
4. Denny Hamlin	-902
5. J.J. Yeley	-984
6. Kyle Busch	-1,257
7. Paul Menard	-1,267
8. Greg Biffle	-1,331
9. Reed Sorenson	-1,573
10. Johnny Sauter	-1,658

CRAFTSMAN TRUCK SERIES	
1. Todd Bodine	3,076
2. Johnny Benson	-113
3. David Reutimann	-255
4. Ted Musgrave	-281
5. Rick Crawford	-368
6. Ron Hornaday	-411
7. David Starr	-432
8. Terry Cook	-495
9. Dennis Setzer	-499
10. Mike Bliss	-502

► **Who's hot** — Brian Vickers became the 170th driver to win a race in NASCAR's premier series, although he was booed as loudly as any previous winner. ... Martin Truex Jr. finished a career-best fifth.

► **Who's not** — Jeff Gordon led 27 laps but wound up in a crash that left him 36th in the race and seventh in the Chase.

WHO'S HOT AND WHO'S NOT



John Clark/NASCAR This Week

Brian Vickers posted one of the most unpopular wins in NASCAR history last week-end in Talladega.

FEUD OF THE WEEK



Jimmie Johnson vs. Brian Vickers

Vickers, leaving Hendrick Motorsports at season's end, won his first race at teammate Johnson's expense. When Vickers' Chevy tapped Johnson's, it also had the purpose of wrecking both Johnson and leader Dale Earnhardt Jr. "I can't believe it," said Johnson. "Here we went all day long and had a great chance to make up some points ... and got crashed by a teammate."

NASCAR This Week's Monte Dutton gives his take: "Wrecking a teammate and the sport's most popular driver on the last lap won't help Vickers pick up ground in the most-popular-driver voting."

Harvick says the Chase doesn't change much

By Monte Dutton
 NASCAR This Week

TALLADEGA, Ala. — Kevin Harvick said it's a myth that the dynamics of the Chase have a notable impact on the final 10 races.

"I know there has been a lot made of racing guys differently," he said. "I've been on that side of it (i.e., out of the Chase) the last couple years. No matter what series you're in, the last couple races of the year, if you're racing the guys who are racing for the championship, you give them a little extra room. When you're out on the

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race track, everybody has something at stake. Everybody is trying to win the race, and everybody is trying to get as high in the points as they can.

"If you get caught up in all that, you're probably putting more into it than necessary."

An astonishing performance — With five laps to go in the Banquet 400 at Kansas Speedway on Oct. 1, Jimmie Johnson wanted to pit. When Kasey Kahne spun, his spotter told

him to stay on the track because a yellow flag might result. It didn't, so Johnson, who had been dominating the race, accelerated back up to speed and pitted the next lap, after which NASCAR officials penalized him for speeding.

When the race ended, Johnson was driving down pit road — the "drive-through" penalty, as opposed to the window at McDonald's — at the time Tony Stewart's car was taking the checkered flag.

Somewhat, Johnson finished 14th, on the lead lap.

Asked how this could be possible, Johnson said: "I don't

have a clue."

Driver changes — Scott Wimmer is out, Todd Bodine in as driver of Larry McClure's No. 4 Chevrolet. Bodine failed to make the field at Talladega.

Mike Bliss fared better, qualifying 20th in the BAM Racing Dodge after being tapped to replace Kevin Lepage. Lepage moved to another team but failed to make the Talladega show.

Wimmer's release was announced last week. Bodine, who leads the Craftsman Truck

Series standings, will take over for at least one more race.

"We are sorry to lose Scott, but at the same time we all have to do what is best for each of us," said McClure. "He is one of the nicest young men I've had the opportunity to work with, and we enjoyed having him with us this year and getting to know him and his family."

"We just decided to go different ways in '07," added Wimmer. "We were working real hard to put sponsorship together and get things going in the right direction, and it just never seemed to materialize."

GIRLS TENNIS: NORTH SUBURBAN CONFERENCE MEET

NSC Conference Meet Standings

1. Lake Forest 40
2. Warren 24.5
3. Lake Zurich 22.5
4. Libertyville 18
5. Stevenson 15.5
6. Mundelein 12.5
7. Antioch 12
8. Vernon Hills 9
9. Lakes 8.5
10. Grant 6.5
11. Wauconda 6
12. Zion-Benton 2.5
13. Round Lake 1
14. North Chicago 0

Warren second in NSC

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Lake Forest was just too strong an opponent for any North Suburban Conference team to handle, sweeping all five girls tennis flights at the North Suburban Conference Championship Meet last Saturday.

Despite the Scouts' dominance, Warren (24.5) turned in a

respectable second-place finish while Lake Zurich (22.5) rounded out the top three. Libertyville (18) and Stevenson (15.5) took fourth and fifth, respectively.

In No. 1 singles action, Warren's Karina Kocemba lost, 7-6, 6-0, to Lake Forest's Marisa Lambropoulos. Libertyville junior Dena Boulteris rounded out the No. 1 singles medalists, beat-

ing out Mundelein freshman Hanne MacDonald for third place.

No. 2 singles saw Lake Forest's Kathleen Saltarelli beat out Libertyville's M.T. Lee, 6-0, 6-2, in the finals.

No. 1 doubles was controlled by the Scouts and Lake Zurich, but the Mundelein duo of

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Prep football roundup

Week 7

Lakes 21, Wauconda 20

The Eagles snapped a two-game losing streak and are now in line for a playoff berth after overcoming a 20-13 halftime deficit for the win over the visiting Bulldogs (3-4, 2-3 North Suburban Conference-Prairie).

The Bulldogs' Brad Wisniewski rushed for two touchdowns and 128 yards on 34 carries, while Lakes quarterback Randy Ratajczyk finished with 190 yards and one score on 16-of-21 passing.

Libertyville 21, Stevenson 12

Nothing is better than a rivalry, especially between two undefeated teams. After a hard-fought battle, the Wildcats came out victorious to improve to 7-0 on the season and gain sole possession of the NSC-Lake. Senior Ryan Kennedy racked up 228 total yards and two rushing scores, despite injury rumors surrounding the star. Nik Ebert also scored from a 13-yard pass from Kennedy.

Mundelein 39, Zion-Benton 22

Mustangs senior Wade Leppert and the rest of the Mundelein crew finally got their first win, and just in the nick of time as it came on the last home game of the season. Leppert finished the game with 76 yards and a touchdown, including a 45-yard score early on. Ryan Olson broke off a 25-yard score, while Josh McKindra found the end zone, as well. Nick Morrissey and Brendan Bradley also scored.

Nazareth Academy 40, Carmel 28

Carmel's seemingly untouchable Corsairs had made a mockery of the competition until Nazareth Academy stunned them. The Corsairs' John Brennan started out nicely, taking a kick-off 91 yards for the early TD. But Nazareth answered on the next drive. The Corsairs lost for the first time this season. Jim Potempa finished with 110 yards on 21 carries, but without a TD.

Niles West 25, Waukegan 22 (2 OT)

Game stats not reported.

North Chicago 39, Warren 37

Anthony Maldonado (21 carries, 140 yards, two touchdowns) was the first Blue Devil to strike with an 83-yard TD jaunt, but even Maldonado, paired with an impressive passing offense from Jeremy Robinson, was not enough. Robinson completed a 65-yard touchdown pass to Ryan Maguire while Warren leader Matt Mose finished with 10 catches and 128 yards.

Round Lake 13, Antioch 7

Antioch RB Tom Sulton (24 carries, 125 yards) scored on a 22-yard run early in the second quarter, but unfortunately for the Sequoits (0-7, 0-4 NSC-Prairie), it proved to be their last score. Round Lake (3-4, 1-3) took over with an 11-yard rushing touchdown from Tim Smith, followed by a 24-yard TD run from Ray Bryant for the win.

WEEK 7: PREP FOOTBALL

GRAYSLAKE CENTRAL 33, GRAYSLAKE NORTH 10

Grabbed by the horns

For the time being, Rams rule Grayslake on the gridiron path

By DANIEL J. PATRICK

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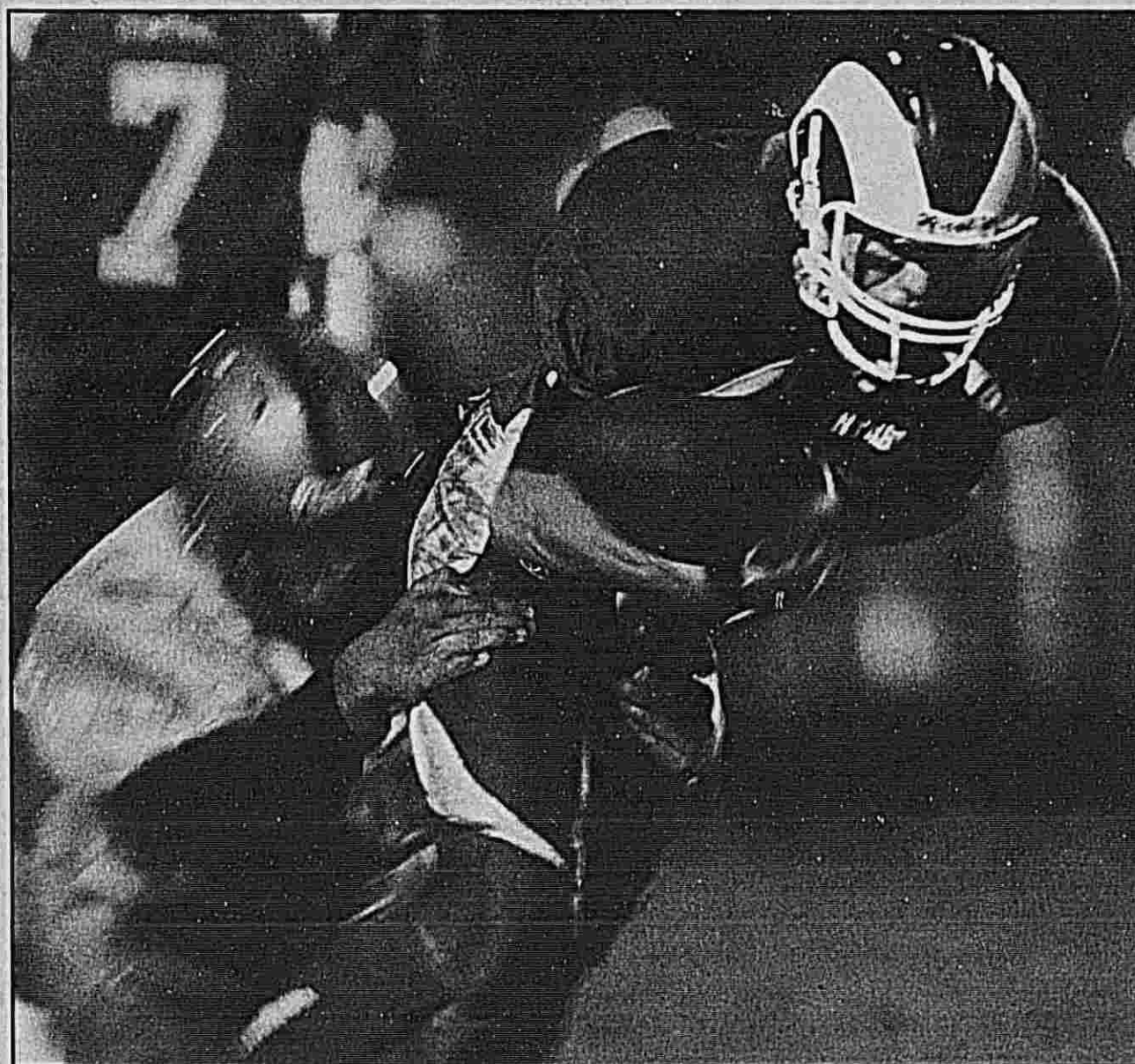
GRAYSLAKE - For at least one more year, Grayslake is still a Rams town.

In the first-ever meeting between Grayslake North and Grayslake Central, the elder Rams proved they still rule the town. Overcoming a 10-0 halftime deficit, Central scored 33 unanswered points for the 33-10 Fox Valley Conference Fox Division win, and ownership of Grayslake.

Last Friday's win improves the Rams to 2-5, while the Knights continue to look for their first victory.

Central's offense awoke from its slumber in the second half. In the first two quarters, the Rams (2-5 overall, 1-2 FVC-Fox) fumbled four times and amassed 67 total yards and no point production in the first two quarters, compared to 33 points on 267 yards after halftime.

Rams running back Alex Richardson's game was much like his team, rushing for just 17 yards on three carries in the first half, while putting up 176 yards, including a 67-yard touchdown in the second half.



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Grayslake North's Jason Denikas (left) causes Grayslake Central's Alex Richardson to fumble the ball last Friday. The Rams won the first-ever meeting between the crosstown teams, 33-10.

By the numbers

Central	0	0	14	19	-	33
North	7	3	0	0	-	10

"We pulled it together in the second half," Richardson said. "Without the line, I couldn't have done any of it, but it feels

amazing."

The turning point of the game came in the middle of the third quarter when Rams senior Brad Paust picked off a Nick Harrington pass and returned it 33 yards. Paust's interception set up a Matt Young

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On the Sidelines

High-brow racket, blown expectations

"High class" games have always perplexed me.

I never have been much for a golf club and I surely don't know my way around a racket. Yet I must say that I was pleased to see the level of high-class behavior at the North Suburban Conference girls tennis meet.

All competitors carried an air of professionalism that has almost become an endangered species in today's me-first generation of athletes. While attending the second day of competition, I spoke to my photographer in astonishment at the players' self-policing on out of bounds shots and scores.

Why was I surprised?

As an athlete, I was taught a sort of win-at-all-costs mentality.

For some, it might be tempting for some competitors to try and cheat, but I saw nothing but professionalism at the meet. Even when there was some contention, the athletes simply brought in unbiased line judges to call the match.

Bravo!

On the court, none of our teams took home individual championships, but Warren's girls lived up to their billing as one of the best teams in the area.

The Blue Devils took second thanks to second-place finishes from Allison Strakusek and Taylor Ackerman at No. 2 doubles, while Karina



Daniel J. Patrick

Kocemba took second in No. 1 singles competition.

Well shut my mouth and call me Nancy – it turns out the Carmel Corsairs football team is made up of mortal high schoolers after all.

After many (present company included) had ordained the Corsairs as the best team in Class 7A, Carmel was outplayed by a 3-4 Nazareth team to the tune of a 40-28 loss.

Meanwhile, Libertyville went out and stunned a previously undefeated and extremely talented Stevenson squad by two scores to improve to 7-0 and 4-0 in a loaded NSC-Lake.

Watching these two teams play against the same opponent earlier in the season, it looked as if the Corsairs were a team of men among boys, whereas the Wildcats looked remarkably fallible. At the time, looking into my sports crystal ball, I had figured the real possibility of a Carmel loss would come against either of their next two opponents – St. Viator and Joliet Catholic.

I guess the real test will be to see how the Corsairs bounce back.

But now that Carmel has dropped to 6-1 while Libertyville retains its spotless record, there's no question as to who now sits on the top of the 7A hill.

But that sure doesn't mean I won't be looking forward to a potential meeting in the playoffs!

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CROSS COUNTRY

Grant girls runners capture Lake County Invitational

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Area cross country teams had a good showing at Monday's Art Campbell Lake County Invitational, held at Deerfield High School.

On the girls side, Grant came out as the team winner as Kendra Kennedy, Alexis Capps and Heather Ruetsche all finished within the top 10.

Grant's Jessie Stimpson and Leya Munwam weren't far behind, finishing 11th and 12th, giving the Bulldogs the win with 44 points, and a 27-point margin of victory over runner-up Vernon Hills.

Lakes also broke into the top five with a score of 89, good for a fourth-place finish in the team standings. Meet winner Ariel Butzine led the Eagles pack with a time of 19:04, while teammate Rachael Dean took third with a time of 19:33. Lakes' Emma Howard also had a good showing, taking 15th.

Other notable girls runners included Grayslake North's Amanda Leon with a 20th-

Top 5 finishers

GIRLS

1. Ariel Butzine - Lakes
2. Danielle Dickman - Vernon Hills
3. Rachael Dean - Lakes
4. Abby Fisher - Stevenson
5. Caroline Sticher - Deerfield

BOYS

1. Noble Schermerhorn - Deerfield
2. Nick Lane - Grayslake North
3. Scott Freidlander - Deerfield
4. Sean Jacobs - Deerfield
5. B.J. Fuller - Lakes

place finish, while teammate Emmaly Schwartz rounded out the top 25 with a time of 21:25. Round Lake's top finisher was Brittany Jordan with a time of 25:12.

For the boys, Grayslake North's Nick Lane was a medalist, scoring a second-place finish with a time of 16:22. While Lane was the top individual finisher, Lakes was the best local team, taking second.

Lakes' B.J. Fuller narrowly missed a podium finish, taking

fifth, while teammates Bill Quade and Billy McGrath finished in the no. 14 and no. 15 positions. The trio led the Eagles to a score of 89, edging out Grant as runners-up by 1 point.

No Bulldogs broke into the top 10, but Grant had three finishers in the top 20, thanks to Derek Hall, Brian Scocchera and Mike Smeltzer. Brad Williams was the only Grant runner not to make it into the top 25, but only missed out by one position, while Aaron Wehde took 23rd.

Even with Lane's second-place finish, Grayslake North narrowly missed out on a podium finish as a unit. Top 20 Knights included Nicholas Nowak and Brenden Cerk, who finished 19th and 20th, respectively.

Other notable boys performances included Waukegan's Matt LaForge, with a time of 17:53, good for an 18th-place finish, and Round Lake's Scot Pacelt finished with a time of 18:56.

Warren runner-up in North Suburban Conference

• NSC TENNIS

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Katelynn Koepke and Karlie Alms won the consolation tournament, good for a fifth-place finish.

Warren was helped to its second-place finish, thanks to the No. 2 doubles duo of Allison Strakusek and Taylor Ackerman.

Strakusek and Ackerman had a major run for their money from Lake Zurich as the Blue Devils lost the first set 6-2, only to come back for 6-3 and 7-5 wins in the final two sets.

Grayslake Central tops North for first conference win

• FOOTBALL

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touchdown four plays later and set a 26-0 Rams scoring run in motion.

"That play was a big momentum shift for us," Central coach Mike Munda said. "But the way they were throwing the ball, we probably should have had a few more [interceptions]."

Even before Paust's interception, John Corcoran pulled the Rams back into contention with a 41-yard touchdown reception to bring the score to 10-7. With

Young's touchdown, the Rams never looked back for their first conference victory of the season.

Before the shift, the Knights (0-7, 0-3) were playing well beyond their years. At the half, Harrington had completed 4 of 5 passes for 78 yards, good for the best scoring outing of the Knights' season.

North got on the board with a 65-yard bomb from Harrington to Robbie Nesbitt for the early 7-0 lead. The Knights added to their first-half lead with 2:40 left in the second quarter with a 24-yard field goal from Cordell Castle.

"Today, we knew we had a chance to really play with them," North coach Steve Wood said. "In the first half, we threw well and our offense was really moving the ball."

On the other side of the ball, Ram players blamed their first-half deficit on an overall lack of focus.

"We came out like it was going to be easy and they came ready to play and we weren't expecting that," Richardson said. "We underestimated them...But with this win, I guess it shows that we still own Grayslake."

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FOOTBALL: VERNON HILLS 9, GRANT 3

Vernon Hills' defense out-muscles Bulldogs

By STEVE PETERSON
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FOX LAKE — Options were limited for both Grant's and Vernon Hills' offenses. The defenses ruled the day during Friday's clash.

Vernon Hills' defense proved to be just a bit tougher than Grant's.

Cougars senior Evan Christensen had a 49-yard fumble recovery for the game's lone touchdown in a 9-3, North Suburban Conference Prairie Division victory.

Not only did Vernon Hills position itself as a frontrunner in the Prairie along with Grant; the win put a thorn in the Bulldogs' playoff bid, dropping Grant to 4-3 overall and 3-1 in the conference.

Grant's lone points came on a 25-yard field goal by junior Kevin Katchmar.

Despite the lack of point production, Bulldogs coach Kurt Rous could find a positive in his team's ability to shut down the Cougars.

"Our offense was stagnant," Rous said. "We had an injury to a starter on the offensive line and it lacked cohesiveness. [But] the defense

played well."

On the flip side, Vernon Hills' offensive unit couldn't get much going, either.

"What you saw here tonight was two of the premier teams in the Prairie Division," Cougars coach Tony Monken said. "[Christensen's score] was our first defensive touchdown of the year."

The Cougars (4-3, 3-1) gained a tie for first place in the division as they stopped Grant's main weapons, quarterback Frank Giannosa and running back Joe Claver.

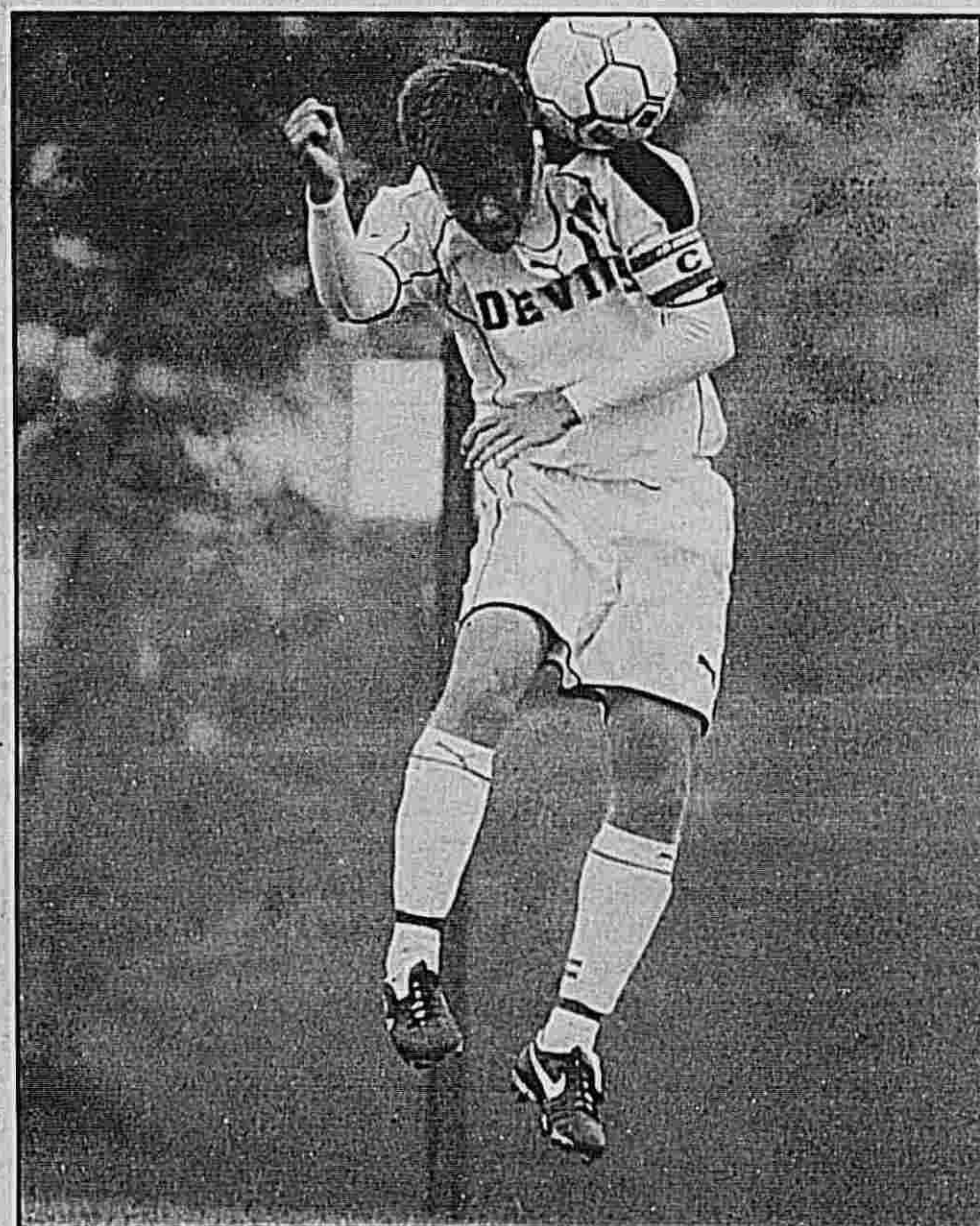
Grant must try and secure a playoff bid on the road at Round Lake against the Panthers, who are coming off a win over Antioch, on Oct. 13.

The Bulldogs' final game will come against an improving North Chicago squad on Oct. 20.

Vernon Hills will clash with North Chicago on Oct. 13 and will then play Antioch for the regular-season finale.

Giannosa is recovering from a hit to his non-throwing hand. Claver and Giannosa are close leaders in the team's rushing department.

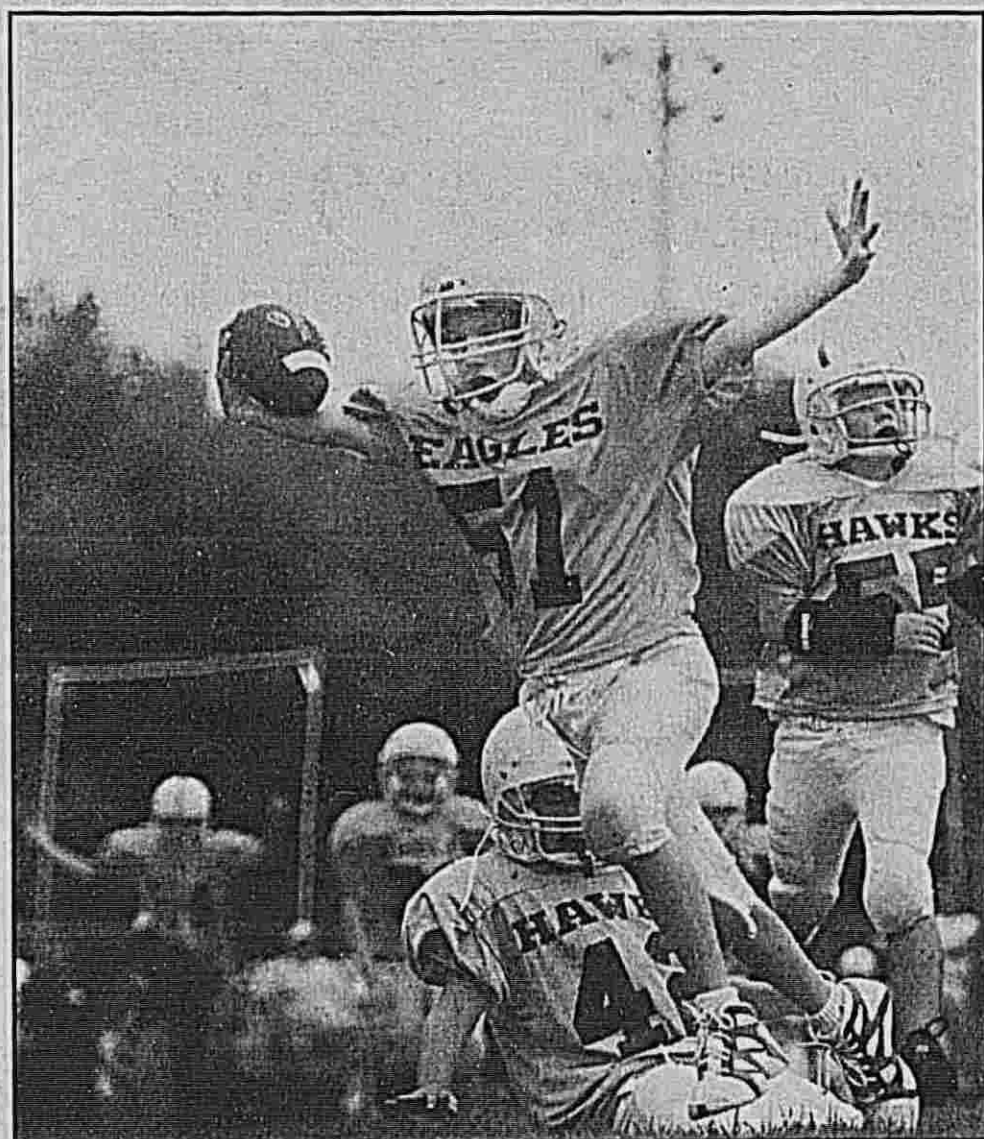
Under control



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Warren's Ricky Kinka heads the ball during a game against Wauconda. Kinka's Blue Devils went on to the easy 6-1 win.

Reason to cheer



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Bryan Constable celebrates his touchdown during a recent game at Libertyville Boys Club.

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Steve Sarley

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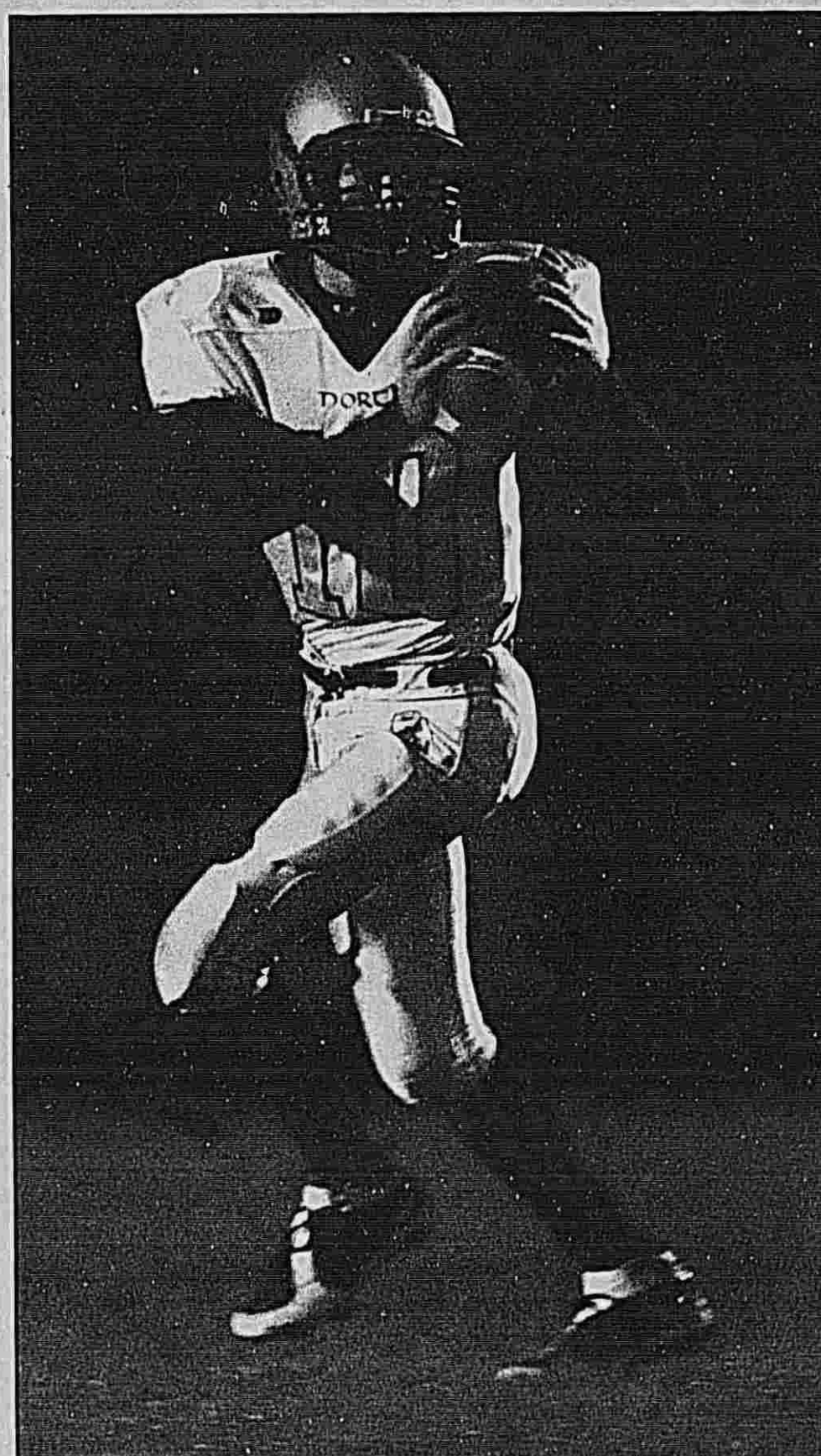
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Surveying the scene

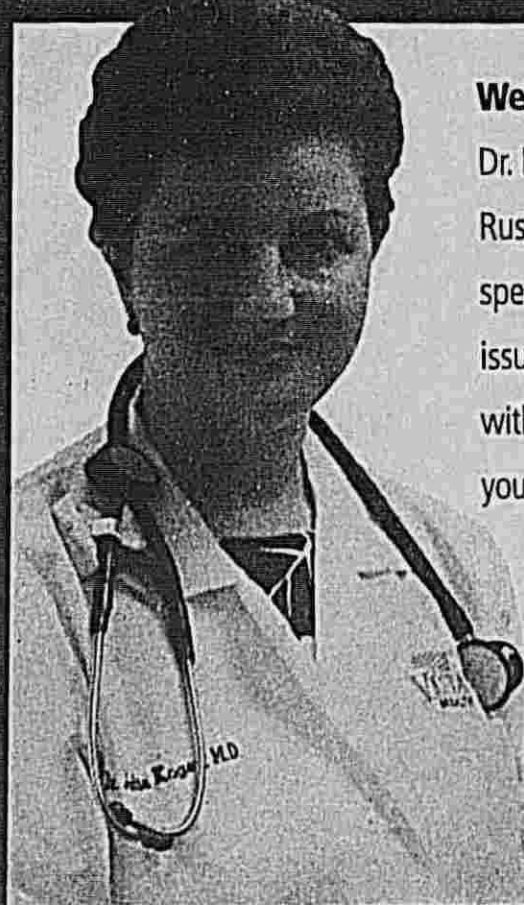


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COLLEGE ROUNDUP

CLC tennis qualifies for national tourney

WEEKLY JOURNALS

The College of Lake County women's tennis team qualified for the national tournament by the narrowest of margins.

Thee Lancers placed third at the National Junior College Athletic Association regional by 1 point.

Rebecca Silva won the championship in No. 4 singles while **Marisa Flore**, **Catherine Lopez** and

Cindy Gomez advanced to the finals in No. 2, No. 5 and No. 6 singles.

MEN'S SOCCER

Elgin 4, CLC 0

The Lancers failed to score a goal as CLS drops to 4-9-1 overall and 2-5 in the Skyway Conference.

No results were included in the team's press release.

PREP ROUNDUP

Rams boys soccer clinches FVC title

WEEKLY JOURNALS

Grayslake Central clinched the Fox Valley Conference title with a 2-0 win for their 14th shutout of the season, a 2-0 victory against Prairie Ridge.

Alex Anderson and Nolan Sandberg did the scoring off assists from Manny Carrillo and Corey Mulryan.

The win improves Central to 16-1-1 and a perfect 9-0 in the conference.

Grant 5, North Chicago 1

Deligio brothers Sammy and Danny led the Grant Bulldogs' charge over NSC-Prairie rival North Chicago as Sammy led with two goals while Danny finished with four saves.

Bulldogs Roger Jackson, Dominic Deligio and Tomas Valadez each contributed a goal.

Grayslake North 4 Johnsburg 1

Freshman Brian Stout led North scorers with two goals while Josh Solberg-Aldaco and Julio Zamora also scored in the win. Junior goalie Tom Sewart helped on the defensive end as he finished with six saves and

only allowed one goal.

Vernon Hills 1, Round Lake 0

Vernon Hills' Jason Cho scored the only goal of the game off an assist from Mike Mui with 8 minutes left in the game.

Round Lake got its shots in as the Cougars goalie finished with 15 saves in the loss.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Antioch 2, Lakes 0

Antioch coach Bob Schenk was elected to the Antioch High School Hall of Fame, and it came against a team full of former players in a 25-17, 25-17 win.

Lakes had its chances as Kathy Szczesniak finished with two kills and five assists on setting, while Steffanie Fisher blocked 11 shots in the match.

Grant 2, Round Lake 0

Jamie Swanson led the Bulldogs hitting crew with five kills, thanks to good passing from setter Rachel Miller who finished the match with nine assists. Grant won the match, 25-22, 25-15, to move up in the NSC-Prairie standings.

Johnsburg 2 Grayslake Central 0

Despite good days from attackers Lauren Walters (seven kills, two aces) and Nicole Schneider (six kills), the Rams could not pull out the victory against Johnsburg.

Setters Lauren Carlson and Katy Jackson finished with nine and eight assists, respectively.

Libertyville 2, Mundelein 0

Libertyville's Jameela Chaudry led an impressive Wildcats attacking core with six

kills while Mallory Purtha added four kills in the 25-10, 25-21 win against the Mustangs. Setter Allison Bailey finished with 11 assists while Emma Melendez finished with 10 digs.

Wauconda 2 North Chicago 0

The Bulldogs improved to 19-9 overall and 5-0 in the NSC-Prairie with the 25-8, 25-17 win against North Chicago. Becky Breakfield led the scoring with six kills while Jenna Howard and Lauren Mead added four kills apiece. On the defensive end,

Maggie Iverson finished the win with 10 digs.

Vernon Hills 2, Lakes 0

Lakes coach Carla Thompson described this match as "the same old story for Lakes," thanks to a slow start in the 25-16, 25-18 loss.

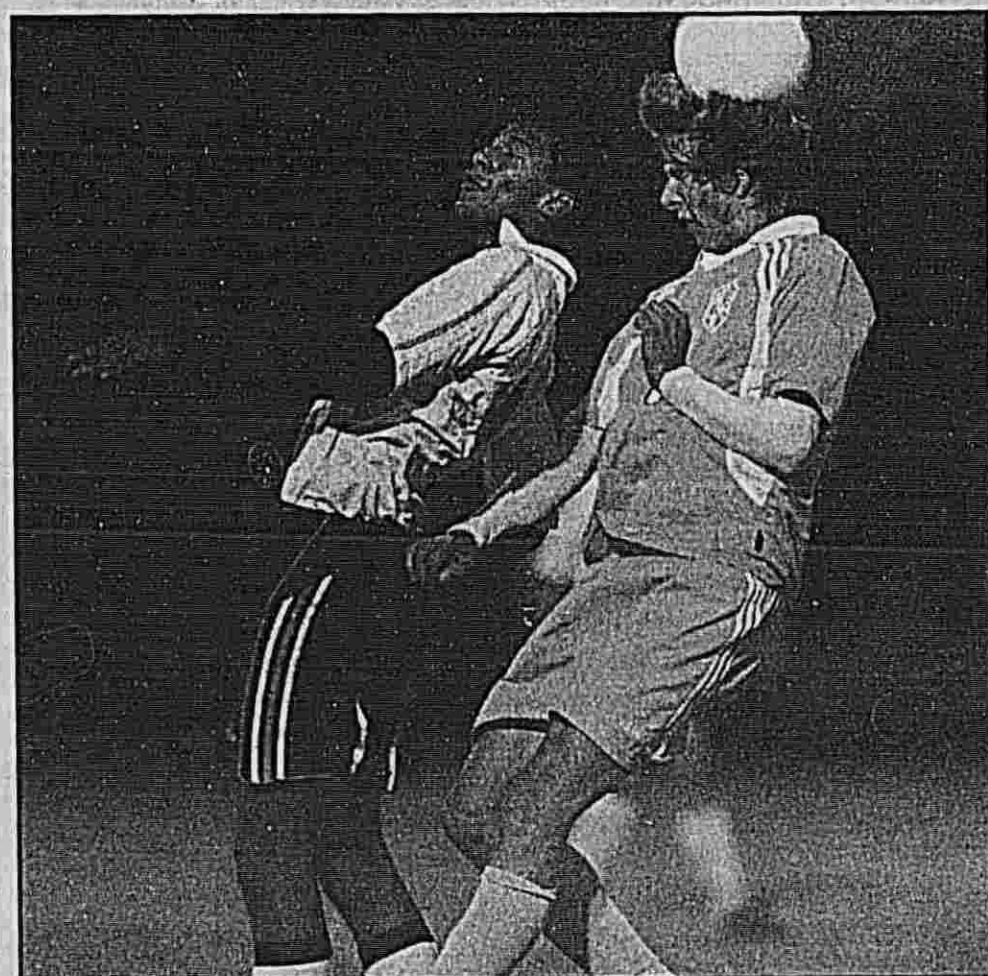
Kathleen Gilva was the leading attacker with four kills and one block while Kathy Szczesniak finished with 11 assists. Kathie Thompson also turned in a good performance with three service aces, three kills and one block.

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Mundelein High School senior Arturo Rosiles (left) goes head-to-head with Carmel's Luke Dunn during a 2-2 tie at Mundelein.

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Views

Bears' RB dilemma falls right into place

CHICAGO — It's strange how a football season can take twists and turns we never anticipated.

As recently as Sunday morning, the Bears' running back situation seemed like it could have the explosive possibilities of an untapped powder keg.

But on Sunday, we were treated to the following image from the winning locker room: Cedric Benson and Thomas Jones standing at their adjacent lockers, recalling the details of a celebration they shared in the second quarter of a 40-7 blowout victory against Buffalo.

"I thought it was a neat deal," Benson said of Jones being one of his first teammates to offer congratulations on his first career touchdown, a 1-yard plunge over right tackle. "I knew he understood the emotions I was having at the time, remembering [back]

to his first touchdown."

A few feet away, it appeared as if Jones failed to see what the big deal was.

Benson, after all, wears the same jersey, rides the same team plane, lifts the same weights ...

"I want everyone to be successful," Jones said. "He's a running back just like I am. ... Of course I'm going to be there to celebrate with him."

It made a lot of sense.

Yet the sight of Jones encouraging Benson on the first of his two touchdowns Sunday might be the best symbol of unity we've seen from the Bears in the season's first five weeks.

It also might have been the best sign that the Bears are close to re-establishing a productive running game in spite of having to distribute enough carries to keep everyone happy.

Dating back to the first day

of training camp, the Benson-Jones situation looked like it had the potential to divide a locker room and further stall a historically unproductive offense.

Jones was the proven veteran, the workhorse who rushed for more than 1,300 yards in 2005 but was stripped of his top spot on the depth

chart after missing a voluntary workout.

Benson was the unproven sophomore with a bulging wallet but a thin résumé for the job.

Jones and his work ethic were a favorite of the players and fans. So when Benson left the sidelines of an exhibition game and was subsequently

ratted out by his teammates, it seemed that his role of a locker room pariah had been cemented.

But what a difference a few months and a 5-0 record makes. Should the Bears keep winning, there's no reason that Benson and Jones can't keep playing nice and racking up yards.

After lying low the first four weeks and being about as important to the offense as backup quarterback Brian Griese, the one-two punch of Benson and Jones emerged in promising fashion against a Bills defense that had appeared better than average in the first few weeks.

Jones established the ground game early, capitalizing on a Buffalo defense keyed to Rex Grossman and the Bears' newfound aerial attack. By the time the game was over, Jones had carried the ball 22 times for 109 yards, his first 100-yard game of the season.

Benson, meanwhile, took the ball 14 times for 48 yards and two scores. After his first touchdown, he handed the ball to equipment manager Tony Medlin for safekeeping.

"I'm sure he'll paint it up really nice," Benson said.

Benson and Jones make an

interesting pair, one a laidback but slightly goofy Texan and the other an intense and thoughtful Virginian.

If the duo keeps firing, it could mean even more potency for an offense that has scored 77 points over the last two games. (Just checking: This is Chicago, right?)

"You can't just focus on one facet of our offense," Jones said. "You have to respect our passing game. You have to respect our run."

And you have to respect the oncoming talents of Benson, which ensure neither back will be spent once January and the playoffs come along.

"I'm really starting to feel good in there," Benson said. "Things are starting to open up. The game is slowing down."

About the only negative of Benson's day was a late fumble that gave Buffalo the ball on a possession that ended up breaking the Bears' shutout.

"I guess I owe them one," Benson said. "I got to make it up for it somehow."

Here's an idea for that gift, Cedric:

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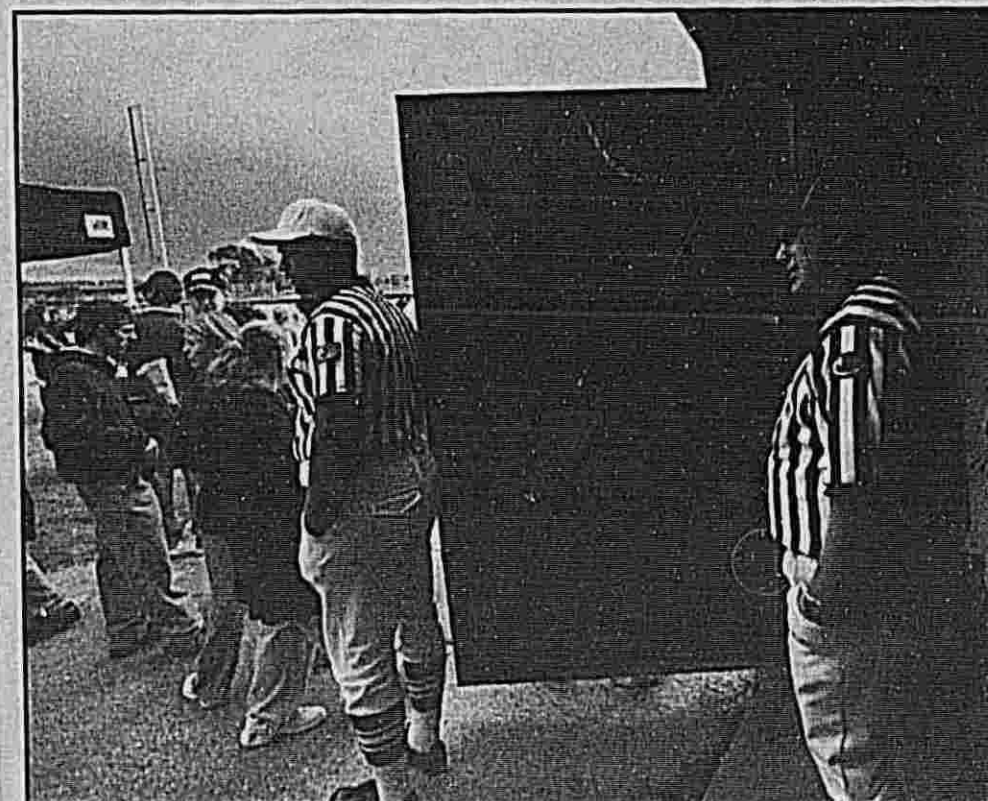
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Storm clearing



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Referees for Grant's homecoming football game against Wauconda take shelter after a small storm passed through Fox Lake on a recent Saturday.

● Hometown Sports

Lindenhurst Comets Gold remains undefeated with 5-1 victory against Evanston

After facing one of their toughest opponents of the season, the Lindenhurst Comets Gold soccer team is still undefeated in girls U-12 action, tying Evanston Orange, 1-1.

Against the Orange team, Kelsey Borders scored to give the Comets the early 1-0 lead. Midway through the second half, Evanston pulled back into contention with a goal of its own.

Comets goalie Katie Larson kept Evanston scoreless for the rest of the game, preserving the tie.

Borders, Larson, and teammates Amanda Timmerman, Adriana Nunez, Jaclyn Brennan, Haley Simpson and Lizzie Koptik helped the Comets remain undefeated.

The Gold bounced back from the Evanston scare with a big 5-1 win against Wilmette. In that game, Borders and Sarah Klosterman scored twice while Terese McMahon added a late goal.

Goalie Larson, along with defensive players Tatiana Katres, Ellie Gallo, Rachel Medina and Heather Hansen have only allowed three goals in nine games. Currently the Comets Gold squad stands at 7-0-2 for the fall season.

For more information about the team, contact Jack Klosterman at (847) 445-6274.

Lindenhurst Comets Blue shuts out back-to-back opponents

As much success as the Gold soccer team has enjoyed, the Lindenhurst Comets Blue girls U-12 team has followed closely behind. The Blue team has improved to 5-1 after back-to-back wins against Libertyville Grey and Chicago

Northwind.

Against Libertyville, the Comets' Paige Jespersen scored twice, good for the 2-0 win. Big contributors in this game included Meghan Busky, Lauren Scheffler, Sarah Norkus and Heather Richey.

After the Libertyville win, Lindenhurst handed the Chicago Northwind a big 4-0 loss. Paige Coddington opened up the scoring while Sadie Cozzi, Taylor Jamil and Taylor Wright also found the back of the net.

Goalies Jenna Bauer and Nicole Mogged, along with defensive players Rachel Huber, Mikaela Brown, Samantha Ney and Megan Soderlund have helped in shutting out opponents in four of the Blue team's five wins.

Lakes' Tim Ryan pitches Indians U-16 to win

The Kenosha Indians U-16 baseball team bounced back from a split doubleheader last weekend by defeated the Niles Braves in a twinbill in Des Plaines.

Game 1 was a battle with Niles jumping out to an early 4-1 lead by the third inning. But the Indians fought back, scoring four of their own in the fifth to take the victory. Lakes High School's Tim Ryans pitched his way out of the tough deficit for his second win of the season. Mundelein's Collin Franklin got the save and produced the winning hit. Other offensive producers were Lakes' Eric Lopez, with a triple, scoring a run, with three RBIs, and Nick Mazza of Vernon Hills also had a triple.

Game 2 found the Indians in full stride both offensively and defensively. Warren's Sean Kennedy turned in a stellar performance on the mound for the win, combining with

Mundelein's Colton Tortorello and Vernon Hills Nick Mazza for a 9-0 shutout. While the defense turned in a quick and exciting game, the offense rolled with Mundelein's Collin Franklin went 3-for-4 with two RBIs and two runs scored, Colten Tortorello 2-for-4 with a triple, double and three RBIs, Vernon Hills' Nick Mazza 2-for-3 with an RBI and two runs scored. Lopez was 2-for-2 in the game.

The Indians play twice this week-end - once in Kenosha, Wis., then

move to the College of Lake County for a return match with Orland Park.

Net Force Volleyball Club hosting tryouts

Net Force Volleyball Club of Waukegan will start its season of USA Junior Olympic Volleyball and the team is calling all Lake County girls volleyball players to try out for the team.

All practices will be held at the new Field House at Hinkston Park in Waukegan. Dates for the tryouts will

be on Sunday, Oct. 22 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. for girls 12 to 14 years old. Tryouts for girls 15 and 16 years old will be on the same day from 1 to 4 p.m.

Seventeen- and 18-year-old girls will try out from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Oct. 29. Additional tryout sessions will be held on Oct. 29 and Nov. 5 for qualifying players.

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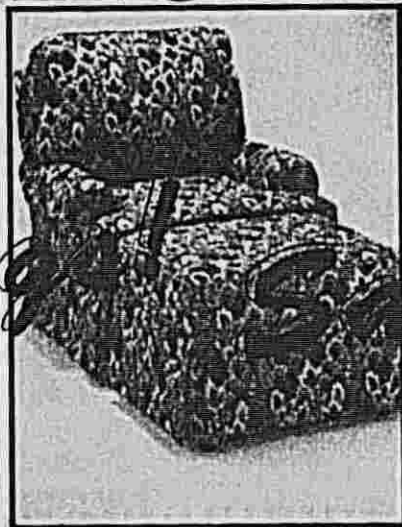
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One Man's Opinion

Justice, or just a slap on the wrist?

Let's call this column Part II after I wrote last week about the completely unacceptable behavior of Odell Thurman, Terrence Kiel, Ricky Manning Jr., Sam Brandon, Jake Plummer and Jared Allen and my concern that it is becoming an epidemic rather than an exception.

Nothing has really changed with any of these young men other than the fact all but Thurman were on NFL playing fields in Week 5, and it appears that none of them will suffer any serious consequences for their actions, and therefore, are unlikely to experience any real behavior modification.

Since then, Tennessee's Albert Haynesworth has taken a whack at beheading Dallas center Andre Gurode in Nashville, and a judge in Seattle has finally said enough is enough and sentenced wide receiver Koren Robinson to serve some real time in jail for the risks he continues to take with other people's lives by driving under the influence of alcohol.

In the case of Haynesworth, new NFL commissioner Roger Goodell acted swiftly and significantly, suspending the tackle for five games without pay, more than doubling the previous most significant punishment for unnecessary violence on the field.

As to the debate whether the punishment fit the crime, I'll leave that to greater minds. I applaud Goodell for doing what I believe was all that he could as quickly as he could.

I also believe that good enough or not, the NFL's substance-abuse policy is the best of any professional sport and is at least making as sig-

nificant an effort as possible to deal with an issue that is, in fact, a moral and societal problem and not a cause and effect of pro football.

But clearly, violence is a direct component of professional football, and while the league does have its hands tied to a degree, required as it is to let the courts set the boundaries by which it can respond, I still can't escape the question of whether we are all being proactive enough trying to prevent most of this garbage before it happens.

I am particularly intrigued by the situations of Haynesworth and Manning. At the University of Tennessee, Haynesworth had an altercation with a teammate, left the practice facility and returned with a pipe with the clear intention of causing mayhem. He also had a road-rage incident in which he attempted to run a woman in her car off the road.

I acknowledge that I'm not sure what the commissioner or the league office can do to solve these problems that they're not already doing. But I think we all know Haynesworth and Manning would be in jail right now, or at least awaiting some real sentencing rather than getting slapped on the wrist, if they weren't pro football players. And I think we can all agree there are 32 owners who would figure out a way to win without these clowns if we would all refuse to buy a ticket or turn on a TV as long as these guys continue to get a pass.

Is it time we stopped pointing fingers at the powers-that-be and turning our own blind eyes to the mayhem and social disease we're supporting and scream as loudly as we can that enough is enough, and we're not going to take it anymore?

Lock your wallets and see if things start to change.

• Hub Arkush is editor of Pro Football Weekly.



Hub Arkush

Bears Insider

'72 Dolphins have reason to fear this year's Bears

Word out of Miami is the '72 Dolphins are starting to sweat. Personally, I've had enough of the cackling old farts and their yearly champagne toasts to the fall of the season's last undefeated team.

And what poetic justice it would be for our Bears to ruin their fun!

Take a look at the schedule. Barring a catastrophic injury or two, the only hurdle remaining is a three-Sunday stretch on the East Coast beginning in Week 10.

What's at stake: With the division lead in hand, the Bears must now maintain their conference superiority and their hold on homefield advantage throughout the postseason. Along the way, they would love to remain the league's top scoring offense and stingiest defense.

Most dangerous opposing player: Anquan Boldin will be the most talented wide receiver the Bears have faced so far this season. He is a physical specimen who can overpower you and outrun you. In his third year, Boldin has twice had more than 100 catches and 1,350 yards in a season.

Why the Bears will win: What a difference a year makes, or should I say what a difference a quarterback makes. Last season, the Bears averaged 256 yards and 16 points per game. With "Rex Montana" under center, the '06 Bears are gaining 100 yards more per Sunday, and are scoring a league high 31.2 points per contest.

Rex is the single biggest reason for the improvement and has to be the early-season frontrunner for league MVP. As he continues to sling it, opposing defenses have been forced to drop an extra defender into coverage, creating opportunities for Thomas Jones.

After missing most of training camp, Jones is just now getting his legs under him and finding his rhythm. The Cardinals have no chance of slowing this offensive freight train. They are equally bad against the run and pass, allowing more than 360 yards and 24 points per game. They lack a pass rush and have just one difference maker in safety Adrian Wilson.

No need to get technical here. You can

line up and run it down the throat of their average front seven or exploit their young corners who've combined for two career interceptions. The Bears' combination of talent and depth on defense is a nightmare for opponents. The Arizona O-line is enormous, but soft and slow. They've allowed 17 sacks so far and that number is sure to rise.

Alex Brown, Adewale Ogunleye and Mark Anderson have way too much speed on the edge for tackles Leonard Davis and Oliver Ross. Despite the addition of Pro Bowler Edgerrin James, the running game has been nonexistent.

All of this means Matt Leinart is in trouble. The rookie was solid in his first NFL start last week against the Chiefs, but Sunday he'll be running for his life and is sure to make a number of mistakes. There's a good chance the Bears defense will outscore the Cardinals in this one.

Why the Cardinals will win: The NFL has agreed to allow the Cardinals to field 15 players on both offense and defense. The Bears will be forced to gain 20 yards in three tries for a first down, the Cardinals will get five tries to travel 5 yards to move the chains.

The Bears' offensive linemen will have their hands tied behind their backs, Rex must throw all passes left-handed, and Thomas Jones must run backward at all times.

Who will win: Seriously, they've had all week to look at the film, and I'm still not sure the Cardinals know what's about to happen to them. The Bears come at you in all three phases of the game, imposing their will from the opening whistle.

They can out-hit you, out-run you, and out-think you. What I'm trying to say is the Cardinals don't have a chance. That "any given Sunday" speech isn't working here ... and not just because the game is played on Monday night. We addressed all the silly talk of letdowns and traps last week.

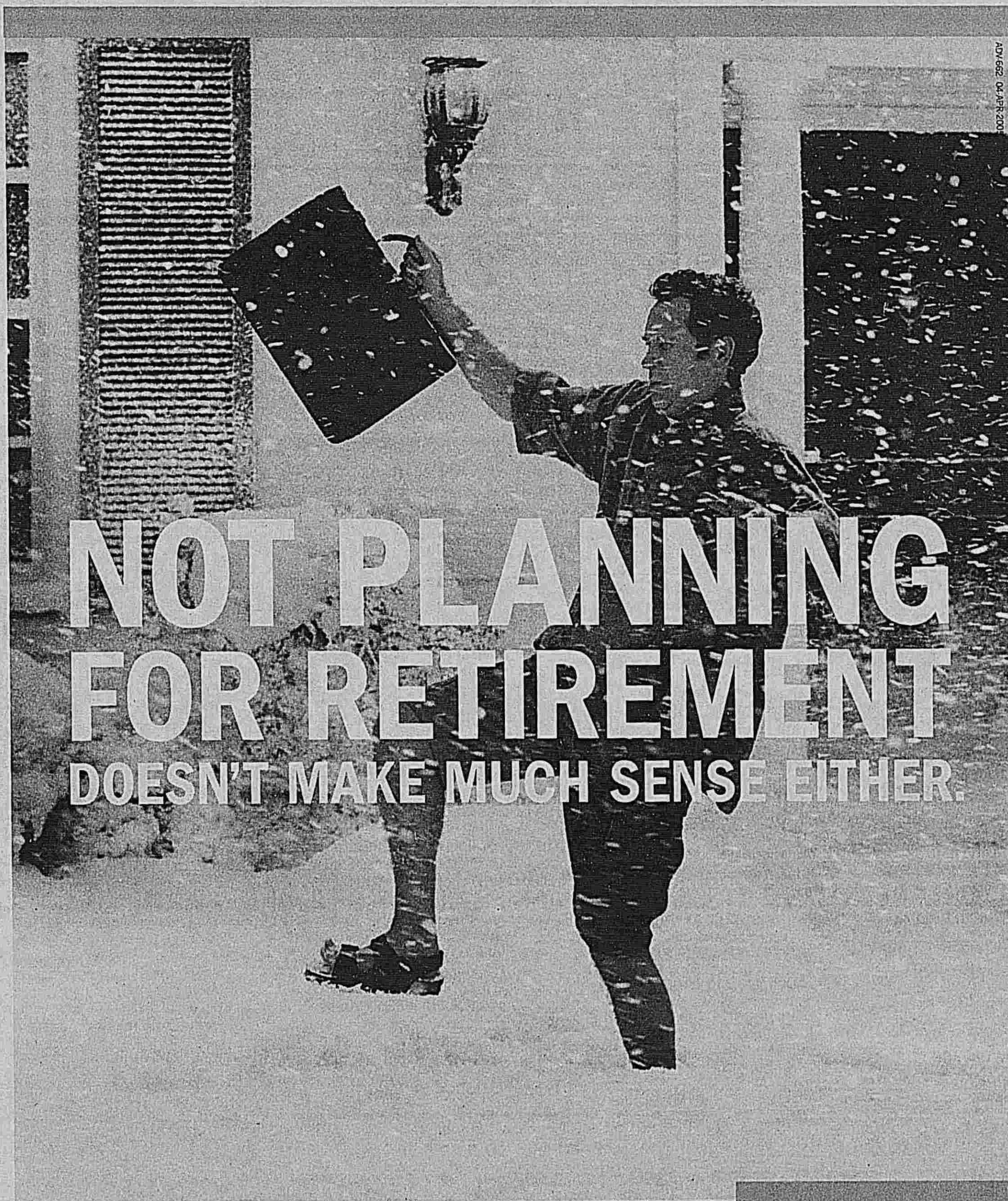
A 40-7 drubbing of the Bills should alleviate any of those fears.

You'll start to hear the "I give" cries coming from the Arizona sideline sometime in the first half. MISMATCH!

PREDICTION: Bears 30 Cardinals 10



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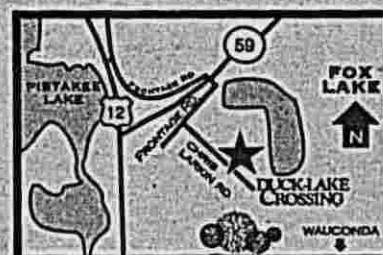
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Tips for brightening up kitchens

For the past decade, the kitchen has reigned supreme as the choice gathering spot for family activities and entertaining. Airy, open kitchens can transform the mood of the room and its occupants.

"Kitchens become energized with natural light when skylights, large windows or

acrylic block door inserts are added to the room," says home improvement expert Don Zeman, host of the radio show, Homefront with Don Zeman. "Another way to brighten a kitchen is to add bright white mouldings and trim pieces. Combined, these easy renovation steps can help homeowners

create a gathering space in the home that's comfortable and inviting."

According to Zeman, who was a contractor for 25 years before starting his nationally syndicated radio show and home improvement television tips series, there are several things homeowners can do to

transform dark, dreary kitchens into bright, welcoming spaces. Zeman offers homeowners the following tips:

1. Add small acrylic block panels under countertops to serve as a design element and bring more natural light into the kitchen.

2. Adopt the popular trend of having "naked windows" in the kitchen. By using only minimal window coverings, such as valances at the top, the windows allow in a maximum amount of light and can act as a transition to the outdoors.

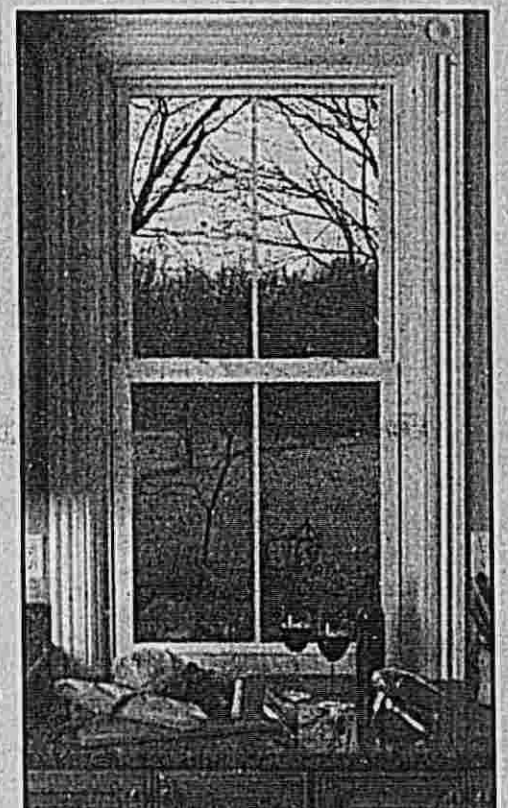
3. Install carved leaf or grapevine brackets made of urethane under kitchen countertops and shelves to add dimension and visual appeal to the kitchen. Corbels can also be added to kitchen islands and the tops of cabinets to present a more finished look in the room.

4. Install a garden window over a sink that extends outside the home with shelves for growing herbs, potted plants or starting seedlings throughout the year.

5. Give your kitchen ceiling new life by adding PVC beaded boards. Then, add the same beaded boards as a wainscot treatment to tie the room design together. These bright white panels resist moisture and are easy to maintain for years of enjoyment.

6. For a kitchen window that overlooks an unsightly neighbor's yard, replace it with an operable acrylic block window. Hy-Lite casement windows bring air and light into the home while obscuring the exterior view. The stylish windows come with a choice of clear wave, cross rib, frosted wave and energy-efficient Solar block patterns.

7. Create a design for a backsplash using urethane appliqué tiles. Decorative and resistant to moisture, the oversized 17-inch squares offer lots of detail and can be painted or faux finished.



This unadorned window maximizes the flow of light into this country kitchen.

8. Order several windows mulled together at the factory to give the impression of a small "wall of windows" that will maximize light flow into the kitchen. Request operating windows (such as double hungs or casements) be topped with non-operable transom windows to enhance the flow of light into the kitchen.

9. Jazz up your windows by adding stylized Fypon door/window head crossette trim to surround a window. Bump-out texture and design at the top of the window of this no-miter project create outstanding results. Or, use straight pieces of urethane moulding to surround your window and then place plinth blocks in the corners. Your window can have a new frame surround in less than 15 minutes.

10. Use a full wall of acrylic blocks as a decorative room divider to separate dining and kitchen areas or sections of a family room. Choose a clear block, or add a splash of color with pale green, blue or rose blocks.

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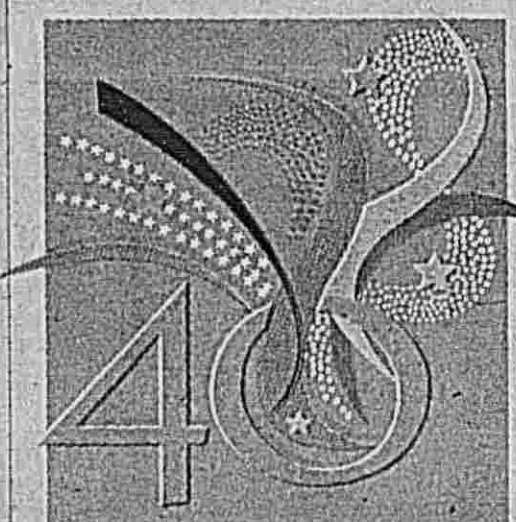
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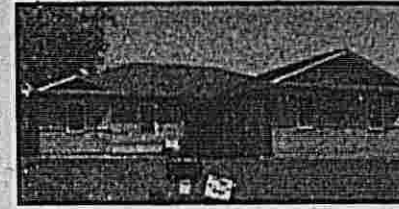


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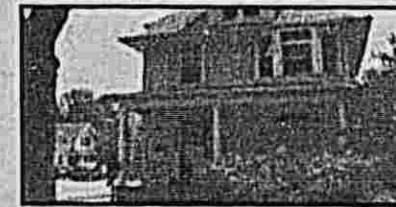


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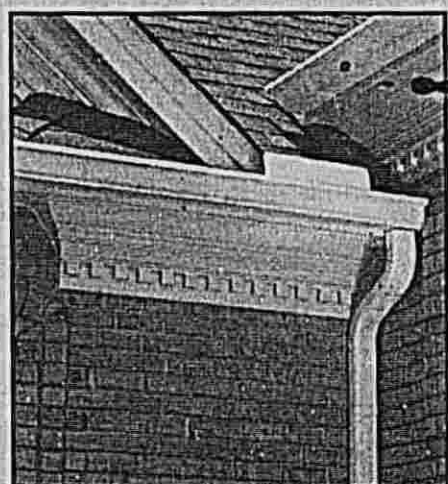
Problems with a home's gutters and downspouts often go unnoticed, making them one of those household situations that typically isn't recognized until it's too late. Unfortunately, that's a dangerous and potentially costly trend, as clogged gutters can eventually lead to problems with a home's roof as well as its foundation.

On the bright side, such drastic results can easily be avoided with a twice-yearly cleaning, a process where gutters are cleared of their clutter, avoiding the rain runoff and water overflow that's a chief cause of the problems clogged gutters often lead to. The following gutter-cleaning tips should help you keep your foundation and roof safe from water damage.

- Get your hands dirty. Once you're up around your gutters, chances are the stuff you see won't feel or smell good. Grime, old leaves and mud don't make for an appealing combination.

What makes that concoction less appealing is that the best way to clean it out is with your hands. A putty knife will scrape and damage your gutter material and often isn't as easy or efficient as just pulling out the material with your hands. Some rubber gloves are your best friends and will ensure your gutters aren't damaged but are cleaned. Once you've cleaned out the majority of the debris, turn on a hose and gently wash what's left out.

- Have a bucket handy. Simply dropping the muck pulled from your gutter down to the ground or sidewalk beneath you only makes the job harder, as you'll have to clean up that mess once your gutters have been cleaned out. Attach a bucket to your ladder and simply dump the contents of your gutter into the bucket as you pull it out. The bucket doesn't even need to be that large, as you'll have to climb down from the latter every few feet or so to move along to the next spot. Each time you climb down, dump the bucket into a nearby garbage bag or can. This is the



Though it can prove a nasty job, cleaning gutters and downspouts can help you avoid some very costly problems down the road.

most efficient way possible, and will allow you get the job done quickly.

- Give your gutters a checkup. Rather than waiting till the next rain storm to see if your gutters have holes in them, do a quick inspection as you're cleaning them out. While clean gutters can prevent possible roof or foundation damage, gutters full of holes can prove damaging as well.

- Check the downspouts. If you've just purchased your home or if you haven't exactly been diligent in cleaning the gutters and downspouts, don't just assume the work is done once the gutters are cleaned. Chances are the downspouts are filled with debris as well. These can be more difficult to clean, but shouldn't take as much time, as there are likely fewer downspouts around the perimeter of the house than there are gutters. A plumber's snake can do the job for any spots you can't reach with your hands. Be careful when using the snake, however.

- Install aides. For those who are especially averse to cleaning their gutters and downspouts, gutter guards do exist. These essentially keep bulky, clogging debris such as leaves from getting into the gutters and downspouts. While they won't do much in the way of sealing out dirt (which can turn to thick mud), they will keep the gutters clear longer than not using them at all.

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Ice dams usually form when warmth from inside a home causes snow on the roof to melt and trickle to the roof's edge, where it refreezes, blocking gutters and drains. Since water cannot flow over the built-up ice, it seeps into the home under the shingles.

If your house is susceptible to ice dams, it's a good idea to take action in the fall before weather conditions threaten your home.

Steps to take in the fall

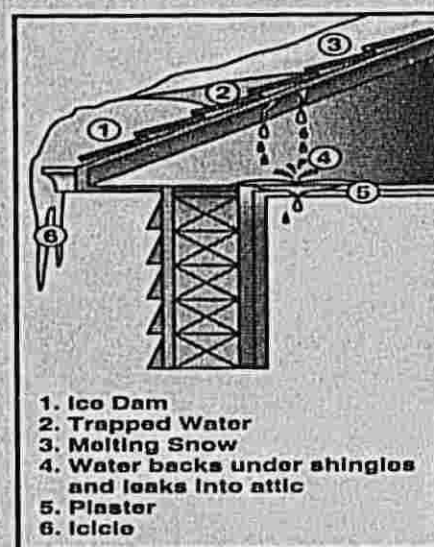
- Keep all gutters and downspouts clear. Make certain that leaves, sticks and debris are removed completely from your home's gutters and downspouts.
- Keep your attic chilly. The most effective way to eliminate

ice dams is to stop snowmelt by making the roof colder. This can be achieved by insulating the floor of the attic and under the roof, and by blocking all crevices (known as "bypasses") where warm air from the interior can rise into the attic.

- Identify water entry points within the home. You may wish to contact a contractor to locate these entry points and take the appropriate actions to create a waterproof barrier.

Steps to take in the winter

- If possible, use a roof rake or push broom to reduce the amount of snow that could melt. Do not stand on a ladder or climb on the roof to clear the snow, as serious injury may result. Also, be cautious of electrical wires.
- To melt the ice, bring new life to an old set of legs. It may sound strange, but placing old nylon stockings filled with snow-melting chemicals on an



Ice dams occur when melting snow trickles to the roof's edge and refreezes, causing water to seep into the home.

ice dam is an effective way to melt the dam and create a channel for the water to run off. Be certain to lay the stockings perpendicular to the gutter near the edge of the roof.

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Create the illusion of spaciousness

Just because your living area is small doesn't mean it can't seem spacious. Here are some ways to give the illusion that you are living large:

Furniture: Choose small pieces with "open" designs. For seating, look for benches or couches without armrests. A love seat with two exposed legs is better than a large sofa with hidden legs. Choose a small round glass-top coffee table.

Accessories: Don't over-use accessories, and keep tabletops neat. The best way to create an open feeling is to have less clutter. Rely on mirrors (even floor-to-ceiling mirrors) and reflective surfaces to make spaces look bigger.

Color: Soft and light colors make rooms look larger. Avoid contrasting molding and door colors with wall

paint tones. Too many colors can make a space look smaller. Paint your ceiling bright white to make it appear high.

Flooring: As with paint, use the same flooring throughout the space to create the illusion of spaciousness. If you can, run wood strips or tile on the diagonal. Diagonal lines appear longer than ones that are parallel or perpendicular to walls.

Windows: Window treatments should be simple. For example, billowy curtains will overpower a room and even invade upon the space you have. Instead, go for blinds and simple valances that give a neat, clean look. **Storage:** You want pieces that go "up" instead of "out." A tall and narrow bookcase is better than one that's short and wide. Opt for a highboy over a triple dresser.



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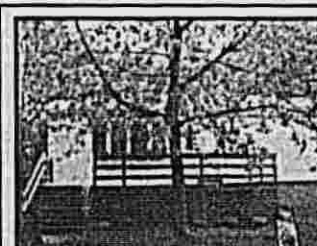


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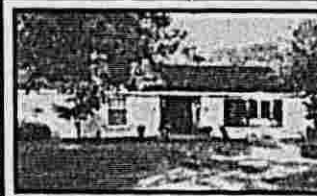


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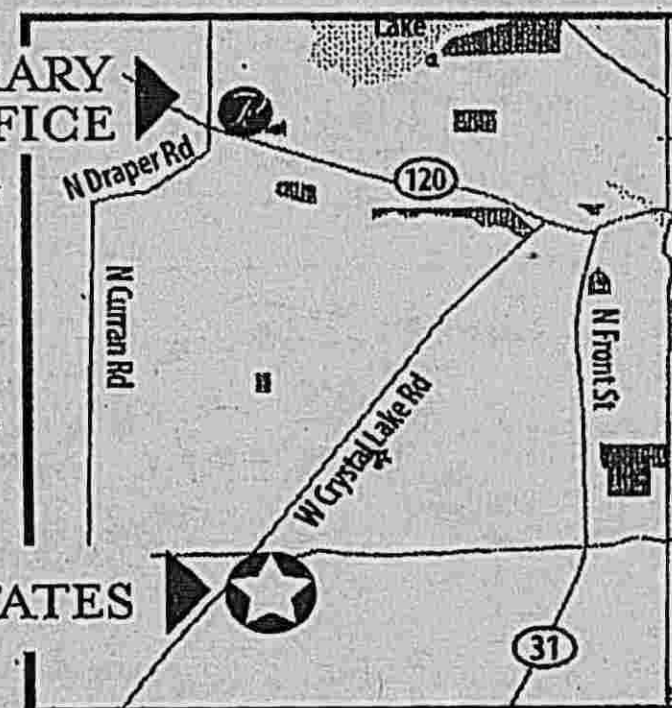
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF 19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

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LAKE COUNTY, WAUKEGAN, ILLINOIS

WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK F/K/A WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, F.A. F/K/A WASHINGTON MUTUAL HOME LOANS, INC., SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO HOMESIDE LENDING, INC.

PLAINTIFF,

-vs-

WANDA F. CLOUD; ANITA M. SCHRAMM; KEVIN W. CLOUD; STEVEN E. SCHRAMM; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS

DEFENDANTS

06 CH 2002

PUBLICATION NOTICE

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you STEVEN E. SCHRAMM; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS.

Defendants in the above entitled suit, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Lake County, by the said Plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit:

LOT 7 IN BLOCK 366 IN ROUND LAKE BEACH, HILLWOOD ADDITION UNIT NO. 2, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 45 NORTH, RANGE 10, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED JANUARY 30, 1953 AS DOCUMENT 780976, IN BOOK 32 OF PLATS, PAGES 84 AND 85 AND BOOK 1161 OF RECORDS, PAGE 388 AND CORRECTED BY CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION RECORDED APRIL 13, 1953 AS DOCUMENT 787173, IN LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

COMMONLY KNOWN AS 815 CORONA COURT, ROUND LAKE BEACH, ILLINOIS 60073.

PERMANENT TAX NO.: 06-19-223-008

and which said Mortgage was made by WANDA F. CLOUD, ANITA M. SCHRAMM AND STEVEN E. SCHRAMM Mortgagees, to WESTAMERICA MORTGAGE COMPANY, as Mortgagee, and recorded in the office of the Recorder of Deeds of Lake County, Illinois, as document number 4049197.

And for other relief, that summons was duly issued out of the said Court against you as provided by law, and that the suit is now pending.

Now therefore, unless you, the said above named defendants, file your answer to the Complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, the office of the

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Clerk of the Circuit Court of Lake County, in the City of Waukegan, Illinois, on or before the 30th day after the first publication of this notice which is November 13, 2006. Default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint.

FISHER and SHAPIRO, LLC
Attorneys for Plaintiff
4201 Lake Cook Road
Northbrook, Illinois 60062
(847) 498-9990

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LAKE COUNTY WAUKEGAN, ILLINOIS No. 06 CH 1743 American Home Mortgage Acceptance, Inc. PLAINTIFF

vs.
Mark W. Happe a/k/a Mark William Happe; IMPAC Funding Corporation; Itasca Bank & Trust Company, as Trustee u/a dated June 1, 2005 a/k/a Trust Number 12181; Unknown Beneficiaries of Itasca Bank & Trust Company, as Trustee u/a dated June 1, 2005 a/k/a Trust Number 12181; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants DEFENDANTS NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU: Unknown Beneficiaries of Itasca Bank & Trust Company, as Trustee u/a dated June 1, 2005 a/k/a Trust Number 12181 Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants That this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit:

PARCEL 1: THE WEST 19.46 FEET OF THE EAST 133.15 FEET OF THE NORTH 61 FEET OF LOT 3 IN BLOCK 2 IN CLEARVIEW HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 45 NORTH, RANGE 12, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

PARCEL 2: THE WEST 9 FEET OF THE EAST 234.50 FEET OF THE NORTH 30.50 FEET OF LOT 3 IN BLOCK 2 IN CLEARVIEW HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 45 NORTH, RANGE 12, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS. COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 2203 Williamsburg Drive Waukegan, IL 60085

and which said Mortgage was made by: Mark W. Happe a/k/a Mark William Happe the Mortgagee(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for American Home Mortgage Acceptance, Inc., as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of

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Wildwood Park District
PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with the Officers Act, Chapter 102, Paragraph 5 of the Illinois Revised Statutes, the Wildwood Park District publishes the following financial record of revenues by source and expenditures by vendor, funds and amount for the fiscal year May 1 2005 to April 30, 2006.

General Funds: Revenues: 2004 Property tax: \$181495, Corporate Replacement tax \$1489, Donations \$5689, Interest Earned \$6173, Storm Damage Reimbursements \$5897 Total: \$200,743.

Expenses: Employee Pay: M. Jekot \$35633, P. Kibitowski \$46430, C. Burbeck \$4444, K. Filas \$3284, B. Kibitowski \$527, D. Kibitowski \$2931, S. Majewski \$1555, K. Rasmussen \$1769. Payroll tax \$8844. Total Payroll Expenses: \$105420.

Vendors: Ace Hardware \$241, Amme \$287, Alertfire \$156, Alps \$275, Ancel, Glink, Diamond \$1768, Aquatic Ecosystems \$3803, Aspen Valley Landscape \$255, Bank One \$3527, Bartlett Tree Service \$6389, Barron Paint \$250, Brogans \$168, Castlerock \$1943, Comcast \$1249, Cost/Copy \$821, Daily Herald \$174, Dee & Bee \$291, Deluxe Business Systems \$241, Fox Valley \$389, D. Garbutt \$2278, P. Garbutt \$80, Grayslake Feed \$922, Great Oaks \$850, J. Healy \$695, Home Depot \$1411, Home Max Logs \$9046, IAPD \$428, IL Lake Management \$50, IMRF \$13352, M. Jekot \$1539, Herb's Tree Service \$3100, Kranz, Inc. \$535, LC Building & Zoning \$35, LC Public Works \$951, Lakeland Publisher \$511, Libertyville Bank \$16200, Liberty Rental \$947, Menards \$518, Mobil \$1807, Neil Enterprise \$188, Nextel \$614, Northeastern Illinois \$183, Northshore Energy \$3190, Office Max \$661, Oil X-change \$265, PCS \$215, Peachtree Software \$335, Pioneer Press \$268, Peterson Excavating \$1100, Play Power \$1861, Postmaster \$1100, Quill \$1383, Rainbow \$2360, SBC \$847, Sam's Club \$2012, Signs Now \$815, Sport \$17, Sprint \$62, Stan's Sharp \$57, Suburban Chicago \$120, TDS \$931, Taylor Rental \$132, Temple \$510, Thelen \$4884, Tree's R Us \$11150, Umbdenstock \$1550, UPS \$12, VanErden, D. \$388, Warren Electric \$442, Waukegan Safe \$3346. Total Vendor Expenses: \$118479. Total General Expenses: \$223896.

Recreational Fund: Revenues: 2004 Property Tax \$67581, User fees \$15895, Program fees \$85345, Advertising fees \$900, Applefest \$9925, Donations \$1440 Wateredge \$6440. Total \$187526.

Expenses: Employee Pay: S. Bucholt \$1080, E. Chan \$1478, M. Dausch \$642, N. Derosé \$867, J. Dimock \$581, K. Dykes \$469, J. Erb \$769, J. Fry \$2430, P. Garbutt \$4600, R. Gliese \$1577, R. Groening \$169, J. Hampson \$1048, E. Herout \$268, J. Jekot \$756, J. Keller \$1685, M. Kissinger \$3181, A. Krumpes \$295, C. Lannoye \$1065, J. MacDowell \$870, S. Majewski \$6439, J. Marco \$739, D. Matelski, K. Miller \$8569, E. Miller \$161, M. Napoleoni \$1954, S. Nasenbany \$506, C. Olsen \$5304, C. Payne \$1203, J. Peters \$1114, D. Retter \$6231, K. Runge \$695, E. Sanders \$2332, S. Schmidt \$585, A. Simonetti \$533, B. Siwula \$1126, C. Siwula \$1200, J. Strantz \$7060, P. Whitehead \$5408, N. Zupec \$1928, Payroll taxes \$5779, Total payroll expenses: \$83762.

Vendors: Ace Hardware \$356, All About Parties \$280, American Red Cross \$350, Amme \$840, Apple Holler \$150, Awards International \$137, BB Russell \$145, Bank One \$2873, Bounces R Us \$500, S. Bucholtz \$135, Cliffhanger \$800, Clowning Around \$281, Cobblestone \$126, Cost/Copy Cons. \$487, Cub Scout Pack \$35, Discount School Supply \$93, Dynasty Lippizan \$940, Extra Care Family \$51, J. Fry \$66, Gagewood Lions \$408, GLCC \$6888, S. Gauthier \$1238, Glacier Valley \$50, Gymnastics Factory \$2761, Harms Farms \$135, E. Herout \$266, Hi-Liter \$9264, IPRA \$180, IL Stotokan Karate \$417, Italian Ovens \$167, M. Jekot \$528, Jr. Counselor \$330, Kindermusik \$901, J. Knauf \$313, Lake County Area Band \$300, C. Lannoye \$446, Liberty Marine Center \$136, Libertyville Bank \$20412, Libertyville Tennis Club \$1633, L. Lucassen \$300, C. Martin \$253, McHenry Garden Center \$14888, Medic First \$41, Menards \$429, K. Miller \$60, M. Napoleoni \$30, Northshore Sanitary Dist. \$56, NuToys \$928, Office Max \$693, J. Ohlwein \$575, C. Olsen \$11, Paxton Production \$600, Pest Control \$250, Peter Patterson \$720, Planet Design \$2625, Pony Acres \$400, Postmaster \$3560, Quigs \$253, Quill \$490, D. Retter \$9, Rydin Decals \$608, S & S \$135, Sam's Club \$907, B. Sanders \$532, Sports R Us \$2368, Squire's Fresh Apples \$719, J. Strantz \$207, The Active \$2000, Thelen Sand \$3194, US Arbor Products \$3656, D. Van Erden \$500, Vibe Dance \$497, Waste Management \$247, P. Whitehead \$49, Wildwood Pres. Church \$53. Total Vendor Expenses: \$98935. Total Recreational Expenses: \$182697.

Audit Fund: Revenues: 2004 Property Taxes \$3838, Expenses: Evoy, Kamschulte, Jacobs, \$2200.

Liability Fund: Revenues: 2004 Property Taxes \$29918, Payroll M Jekot \$17000, Expenses: Conney Safety Products \$429, Global Equip. \$205, IL State Police \$448, PDRMA \$8314, II Director Employment Ins. \$1178, Northshore Alarm \$6206, Trees R Us \$965. Total Expenses: \$34700.

Paving & Liability Fund: 2004 Property Taxes \$4832, Expenses: Commonwealth Edison \$2011, Nabar Sealcoating \$984, Total Expenses: \$2994.

Police Fund: 2004 Property Taxes: \$16415, Expenses: Bank One \$34, Captains Security \$14026, M. Jekot \$13, Office Max \$92, Sheriff's Office \$1276. Total Expenses: \$15441.

Special Rec. Fund: 2004 Property Taxes: \$38622, Expenses: Warren Special Recreation Assn. \$28950, Atlas Pier \$9396, McHenry Garden Center \$8910. Total Expense: \$48460.

Wildwood Park District
Shelley Majewski, Administrative Asst.
September 26, 2006

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October 13, 2006

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Lake County, Illinois, as Document No. 5732240; and for other relief; that summons was duly issued out of said Court against you as provided by law and that the said suit is now pending.

NOW, THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the Office of the Clerk of this Court, Sally Coffelt, Clerk of the Circuit Court 18 N. County Street Waukegan, IL 60085-4358 on or before October 30, 2006, A DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY AND A JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRAYER OF SAID COMPLAINT.

CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C.
Attorneys for Plaintiff
15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100
Burr Ridge, IL 60527
(630) 794-5300
DuPage # 15170
Winnebago # 531
ARDC # 00468002
Our File No. 14-06-A460
NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that this law firm is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT WAUKEGAN, ILLINOIS
STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF LAKE
LONG BEACH MORTGAGE COMPANY, a Delaware Corporation, Plaintiff,
Vs.
ELSY RENDEROS and LONG BEACH MORTGAGE COMPANY, Defendants
06 CH 622
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled cause on May 10, 2006, the following described real estate, to-wit:

Lot 16 and the Westerly 20.00 feet of Lot 17 in Block 137 in Round Lake Beach Renahan Beach addition, being a Subdivision of Parts of Sections 20, 21 and 28, Township 45 North, Range 10 East of the Third Principal Meridian, according to the Plat thereof recorded July 25, 1930 as Document No. 356997, in Book "V" of Plats, Pages 36, 37, 38 and 39, in Lake County, Illinois.
Permanent Index Number: 06-21-305-013
06-21-305-023
Commonly known as: 240 West Washington St. Round Lake Park, Illinois will on November 10, 2006 at the hour of 11:00 a.m. inside the East Door of the Lake County Courthouse, 18 N. County St. Waukegan, Illinois, be offered for sale and sold by an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation. The Judgment amount was \$130,604.94. The property is improved with a single family home. Sale terms: The bid amount shall be paid in cash immediately by the highest and best bidder at

the conclusion of the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality of quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Heavner, Scott, Beyers & Mihlar, 111 E. Main St., Suite 200, Decatur, Illinois 62525 (217) 422-1719 ext. 23
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PUBLIC NOTICE
ASSUMED BUSINESS
NAME APPLICATION
NAME OF BUSINESS: Apollo Landscape Lighting
NATURE/PURPOSE: Installing/Selling Landscape Lighting
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANSACTED IN THIS COUNTY: 21837 Rainbow Rd, Deer Park, IL 60010, 847-302-3180, PO Box 636, Lake Zurich, IL 60047, 847-769-4640
NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS: Miguel Castro, 36546 N. Traer Terr., Gurnee, IL, 60031, 847-529-3668
STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF LAKE
This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location (s) indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.
/s/ Miguel Castro
October 5, 2006
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 5th day of October, 2006.
OFFICIAL SEAL

This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location (s) indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.
/s/ Paul Chorazy
September 28, 2006
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 28th day of September, 2006.
OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/ Erin Gallagher
Notary Public
Received: Sept. 29, 2006
Willard R. Hellander
Lake County Clerk
1006A-7984-LV
October 6, 13, 20, 2006

PUBLIC NOTICE
ASSUMED BUSINESS
NAME WITHDRAWAL
NAME OF BUSINESS: J. C. Landscaping
Original date filed 5/16/06
STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF LAKE
This is to certify that the person(s) listed below has/have ceased doing business under the as-

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sumed name or has/have no further connection or financial interest in said business. Withdrawal shall be effective Oct 5, 2006.

Miguel Castro
36546 N. Traer Terr
Gurnee, IL 60031
847-356-9780
/s/ Miguel Castro
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) withdrawing from the business this 5th day of October, 2006.

OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/Carol Rosenberg
Notary Public
Received: Oct. 10, 2006
Willard R. Hellander
Lake County Clerk
1006B-7992-G
October 13, 20, 27, 2006

PUBLIC NOTICE
ASSUMED BUSINESS
NAME APPLICATION
NAME OF BUSINESS: M. Castro Landscaping
NATURE/PURPOSE: Landscaping
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANSACTED IN THIS COUNTY: 36546 N. Traer Terr., Gurnee, IL, 60031, 847-529-3668
NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS: Miguel Castro, 36546 N. Traer Terr., Gurnee, IL, 60031, 847-529-3668
STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF LAKE
This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location (s) indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.
/s/ Miguel Castro
October 5, 2006
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 5th day of October, 2006.
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/s/Carol Rosenberg
Notary Public
Received: Oct. 10, 2006
Willard R. Hellander
Lake County Clerk
1006B-7993-G
October 13, 20, 27, 2006

PUBLIC NOTICE
Daniel Freed owner of 2002 Chevrolet Trailblazer, VIN # 1GWD-S13S52298459; Mechanic's Lien for \$2,960.00. You have until November 6, 2006 to pay Casey's Body Shop, Inc., 840 S. Genesee St., Waukegan, IL and remove the vehicle or it will be sold. Business hours are Monday - Friday 8 am to 6 pm.
1006A-7988-W
October 6, 13, 20, 2006

PUBLIC NOTICE
Ken Olson owner of 2001 Dodge Caravan, VIN 2BFGP44361R272644; Mechanic's Lien for \$7,190.00. You have until October 29, 2006 to pay NRF Auto & Truck Repair, 23392 W. Apollo Ct., Lake Villa, IL and remove the vehicle or it will be sold. Business hours are Monday thru Friday 8am to 6pm.
0929E-7977-LV
September 29, 2006
October 6, 13, 2006

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
That on November 3, 2006 a sale will be held at Chain O'Lakes Marina, 500 East Grand Avenue, Fox Lake, IL, to sell the following articles to enforce a lien existing under the laws of the State of Illinois against such articles for labor, services, skill or material expended upon a storage furnished for such articles at the request of the following designated persons, unless such articles are redeemed within thirty days of the publication of this notice.
Name of Person: Sean Kim
Description of articles: 1993 25ft. 250CR Crownline with Hull #JTC13153L293

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Amount of lien: \$3,094.02

0929E-7976-FL
September 29, 2006
October 6, 13, 2006

Assumed Name 8200

PUBLIC NOTICE
ASSUMED BUSINESS
NAME APPLICATION
NAME OF BUSINESS: Santa Fe Pallos
NATURE/PURPOSE: Construction
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANSACTED IN THIS COUNTY: 215 Havenwood Dr., Round Lake, IL. 60073, 847-406-0384.
NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS: Diego Martinez Escobar, 215 Havenwood Dr., Round Lake, IL. 60073, 847-406-0384.
STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF LAKE

This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location (s) indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.
/s/ Diego Martinez
September 14, 2006
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 14th day of September, 2006.
OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/ Adriana Lomeli
Notary Public
Received: Sept. 14, 2006
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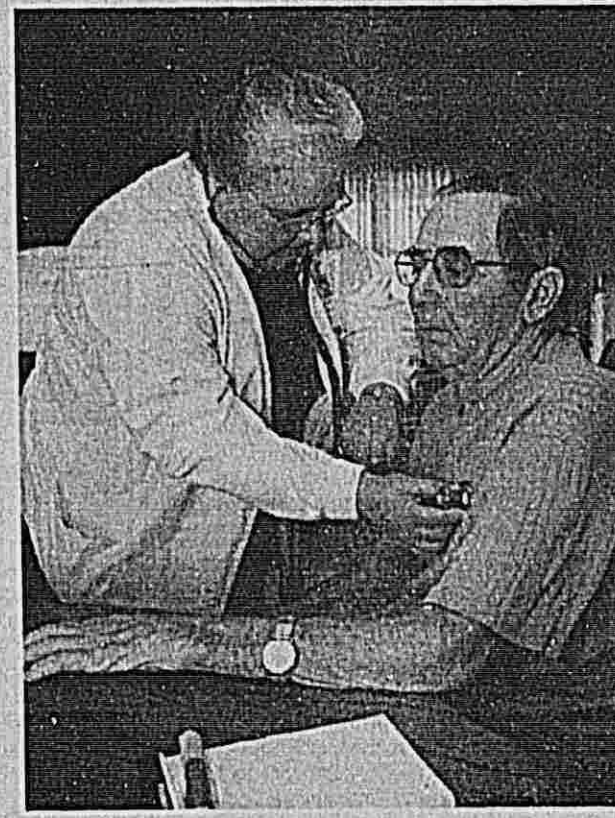
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"While the typical important tips for preparing a car for winter include checking the oil, brakes and anti-freeze, those are only part of what your car re-

quires this winter," says Mark Thorsby, Executive Director of the International Carwash Association. "Cars also need professional car washes at least once or twice a month to keep them in top condition."

Getting a car professionally detailed and cleaned will protect the value of the car, save time and help the environment.

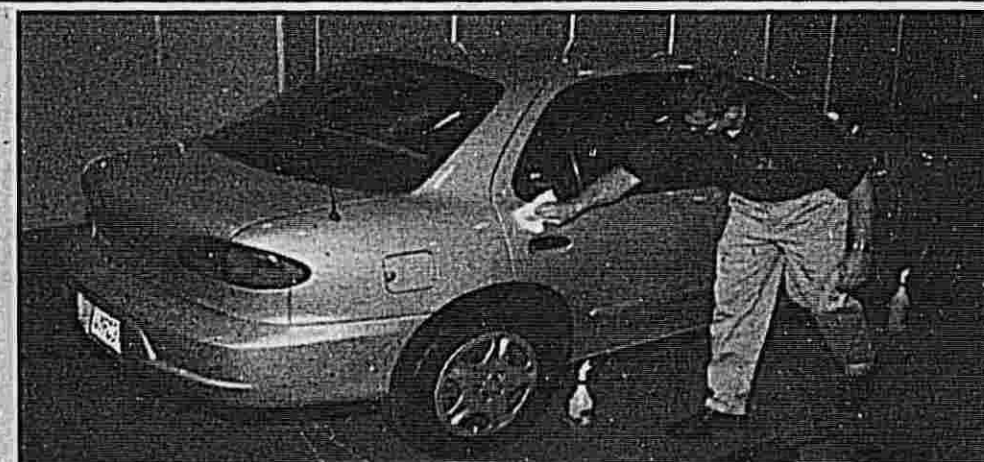
Car owners who have never experienced a detail before will be amazed by the results. For approximately \$100, owners can expect to be pleasantly surprised about how great their cars look after it's done.

Besides feeling good, taking a car to the spa and regular professional washings can actually

help maintain its value. Cars need extra attention during the colder months because salt (by far the biggest culprit), mud and road grime are most likely to accumulate on the vehicle. In addition to salt, bird droppings and acid rain can harm the finish in just a couple of days.

"A car with oxidized paint and a rusted body can never be economically restored. The best way to prevent this is regular washing and waxing at a professional car wash," says Thorsby. The experts agree — the Kelly Blue Book states that well-maintained vehicles can earn up to \$1,500 more at trade-in.

Besides securing the value of the car, professional detailing



Getting a car professionally detailed and cleaned will protect the value of the car, save time and help the environment as well.

and washing services help owners save time and frustration and help the environment.

Who wants to be outside in the cold weather washing their car when he/she can just head on over to the local professional car wash? Since the average car wash takes only five to eight minutes, it's easy to stop by while running errands.

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Medicare news roundup

By Monica Sanchez

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has begun providing pancreas transplant benefits for people with Type 1 diabetes, for which the body makes little or no insulin. Type 1 diabetes is often diagnosed in youth or young adulthood, and persists a lifetime.

Typically, Medicare has covered a pancreas transplant at the same time as a kidney transplant or after having had a kidney transplant. However, as of April 26, 2006, Medicare is providing a pancreas transplant by itself if you meet the following criteria:

- You have Type 1 diabetes
- You have had to be hospitalized because of medically-uncontrollable metabolic instability, and an endocrinologist has not, in the past 12 months, been able to stabilize your condition through the most medically-advanced insulin formulations.

FDA approves new treatment for wet macular degeneration

A treatment for the wet form of age-related macular degeneration has been approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

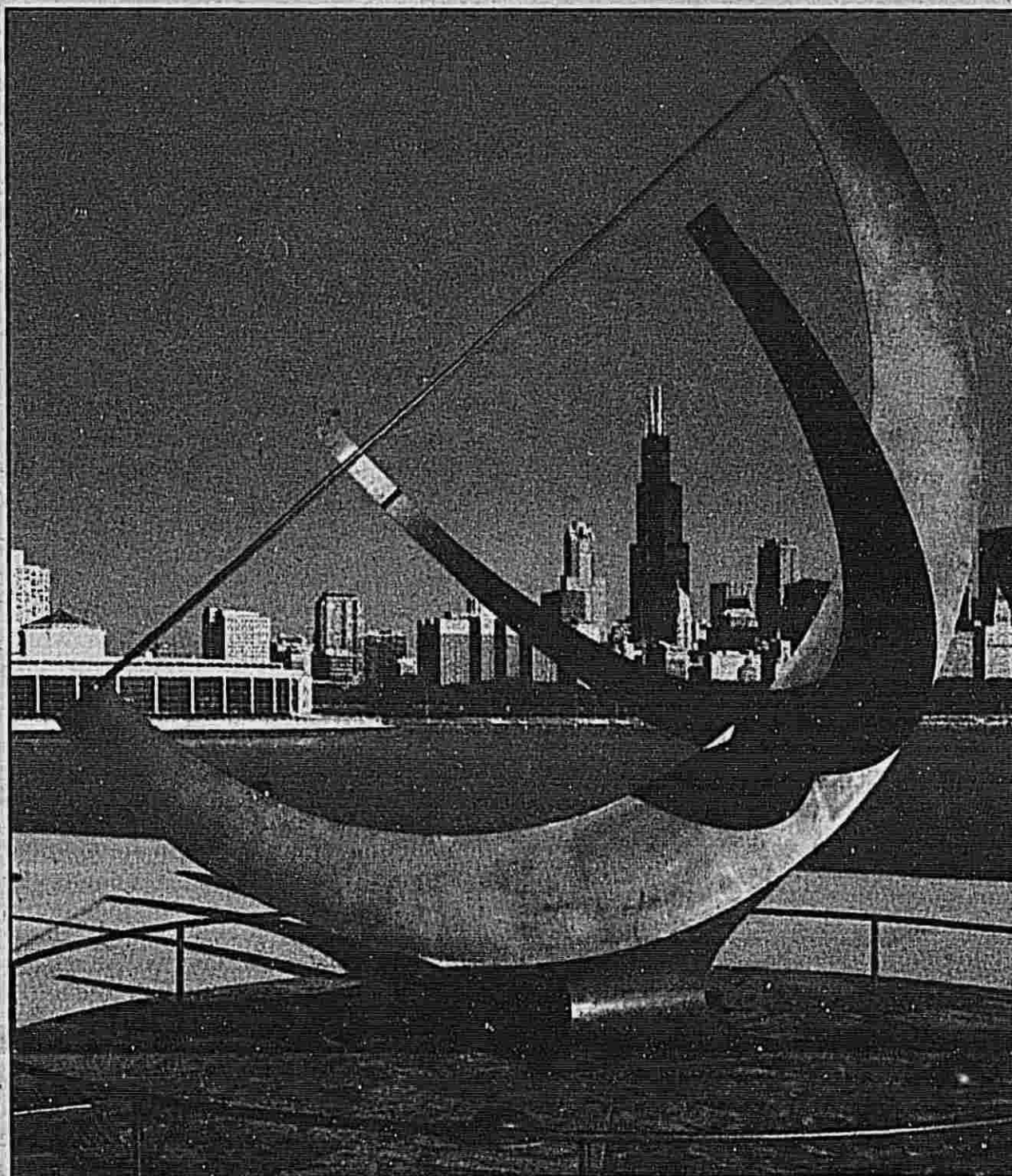
"This approval is of great importance for the 155,000 Americans who are diagnosed each year with AMD, a common cause of severe and irreversible vision loss in older adults," says Andrew von Eschenbach, M.D., acting commissioner of Food and Drugs.

The vision loss in wet AMD is caused by the growth of abnormal leaky blood vessels that eventually damage the area of the eye responsible for central vision. The injectable treatment, named Lucentis (ranibizumab), manufactured by Genentech, is designed to block new blood vessel growth and leakiness, which lead to disease progression.

Wet AMD, which accounts for 10 percent of all AMD, is responsible for 80 percent of the associated vision loss.

"At a time when our elderly population is rapidly increasing, this product preserves quality of life for

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A bronze sundial created by sculptor Henry Moore marks the passing of time near Chicago's Adler Planetarium. (Photo © Ron Schramm)

Grandparents to enroll grandkids in school?

A bill in the Illinois Senate would allow grandparents — under tightly defined circumstances — to enroll their grandchildren in school.

Chief sponsor Sen. Jacqueline Collins, D-Chicago, proposes allowing this right, so long as the children's parents give their approval verbally or in writing.

Among groups backing the measure, SB850, are the state's bar association, school administrators, advocates for children and the homeless and senior organizations.

If parents change their minds, all they would have to do is notify the grandparent involved, the school attended by their children or health care providers who were notified of the original designation, says Ms. Collins.

For more information on SB850, the senator's Chicago office can be reached at 1-773-224-2830.



Sen. Collins

Goodness, gracious, great balls of fire!

by Margaret Schmidt

A large asteroid enters the ozone layer at 1,200 miles per hour, vaporizing as friction turns it into a hot, rocky ball of sparks. It smashes into the ground near Australia, making the land sizzle and sending a shock wave that shakes the planet about its axis.

This is not a science fiction scenario, but part of the story of life on earth — largely a tale of cataclysms greater than Hollywood has been able to depict on film.

Rather, it is the true story of the recently identified asteroid that caused the "Great Dying," the most horrific calamity known to befall Earth so far. Officially known as the Permian-Triassic Extinction Event, the disaster killed about 96 percent of marine species and 70 percent of land vertebrates.

Since species throughout the world underwent similar rates of extinction, scientists have long theorized this event was sudden (in geologic time, less than a million years in duration) and global.

Although they had postulated its existence, only this year did scientists find the impact crater of this particular asteroid.

What took them so long? The crater is covered by a mile of ice, says Ralph von Frese, professor of geological sciences at The Ohio State University in Columbus.

"Only the technology aboard the identical twin satellites known as the GRACE satellites has been able to 'see' through the ice." (GRACE stands for the NASA/German Aerospace Center Gravity Recovery and Climate Experiment.)

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August 3 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	Medicare Help Desk North Riverside Mall 7501 W. Cermak Rd., North Riverside, IL <i>Located at Food Court</i>
August 7 1 p.m.-3 p.m.	Medicare Help Desk Plymouth Place 315 N. LaGrange Rd., La Grange Park, IL
August 8 9 a.m.-1 p.m.	Medicare Help Desk Safeway Pharmacy at Dominick's 8900 Greenwood, Niles, IL
August 8 10 a.m.-2 p.m.	Medicare Help Desk Carson Pirie Scott Senior Day, c/o Spring Hill Mall 1071 Spring Hill, West Dundee, IL
August 8 10 a.m.- noon.	Medicare Help Desk Josephine P. Argento Senior Center Bernadin Manor 1700 Memorial Drive Calumet City, IL
August 11- 20 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.	Illinois State Fair Illinois Building/State Fairgrounds Sangamon Ave., Springfield, Ill.
August 14 11 a.m.	Jim Karas Special Event Join celebrity fitness expert Jim Karas at the Illinois State Fair-Illinois Building Auditorium Springfield, IL For "Strength Solution for Seniors" program to learn about empowering people to take control of their health by providing simple and effective guidelines for their well-being. <i>Seating is limited.</i>
August 15-17 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.	Mayor Daley's Senior Fest McCormick Place-North Building 24th St. & Martin Luther King Dr. Chicago, IL
August 19 10 a.m.-2 p.m.	Health Fair Canaan Baptist Church of Christ 6659 South Harvard Ave. Chicago, IL
August 25 9 a.m.- noon	Medicare Help Desk Charlestown Mall 3800 E. Main St. St. Charles, IL
August 25 10 a.m.-2 p.m.	State Sen. Iris Martinez Family Wellness Fair, Aspira Haugan Middle School 3719 West Leland, Chicago, IL Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois Care Van On Site
August 25 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.	Medicare Help Desk Southeast Atlas Center 1767 E. 79th St., Chicago, IL
August 26 10 a.m.-2 p.m.	Alderman Reboyras Family Health Fair Mozart Park, 2036 N. Avers, Chicago, IL
August 26 - September 4 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.	DuQuoin State Fair DuQuoin State Fairgrounds, DuQuoin, Ill.

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Frederick P. Karutz
Vice President, Consumer Markets
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From the publisher

I am sure many of you have heard the term "diversity." It has been a mainstay of corporate programs for at least 15 years. I was introduced to the corporate concept of diversity in the early 90's. I worked for a free-wheeling and intense boutique management consulting firm which included many young men and women from a variety of backgrounds right out of school, as well as a number of middle-age individuals. Our entire staff was away from their families and social network during the work week because we worked all over the country. This diverse and unique "away-from-home" environment created some unique challenges and situations. So after a while, our Human Resources Department decided to roll out a comprehensive diversity training program. I remember the first thing we learned concerned "unwanted touching," which of course generated some humorous banter about what could be considered "unwanted touching."

I am pleased to say in the last 15 years, I have learned that diversity certainly has a lot more to it. And I believe that an appreciation of diversity goes well beyond traditional race and ethnic dimensions. It has to do with an appreciation for people who think and act differently, people who have different interests, lifestyles, skills and personalities. Yet the problem I see is that we have a major paradox going on in society. Nearly every one in the work world has gone through some type of diversity training. Yet as a society, we are becoming more and more intolerant and divided — liberal versus conservative, young versus old, new immigrants versus old immigrants, traditional lifestyles versus alternative lifestyles — when what we really need is leadership that recognizes differences but focuses on creating unity and harmony.

But that leadership is lacking. Just look at our political leaders. How many times have you heard a politician from one side or another say something like, "I don't agree with many things Congressman X or White House official Y says, but I do respect their opinion and mindset. I know they have the best interests of our country and people in mind. I think we can find common ground for solutions that address this problem"? If you ever saw something like this on CNN, you would be shocked. It just doesn't happen these days. And political pundits are even worse. Just take a walk to a bookstore and peruse some recent offerings: "I Hate (names omitted), 'The Truth about America's Ugliest Conservatives,'" "How to Talk to a Liberal (If You Must)," "Treason, Liberal Treachery from the Cold War to the War on Terrorism," and "Sweet Jesus...I Hate..." [a conservative media figure].

How do we get the best thinking on the table regarding our society's pressing issues with all this negative rhetoric, massive spinning of failures into "successes" and indictments of anyone who dares to say we could be doing things differently? I truly want my daughter to learn about the diversity of our society and the diversity of opinion — but not from a central point of hate, intolerance and malice. Many of you have seen decades of political discourse and progress. Does it seem to you that we used to have an environment where we had differences of opinion, yet were able to find common ground to do the right thing for our communities? I think so. Social Security, Medicare, welfare programs and human rights initiatives were driven through bipartisan support and collaboration to become fundamental, significant fabrics of our society.

And I think I see positive signs that maybe, just maybe, we are returning to a more civil, enlightened model of political discourse and collaboration. (When I saw it, I nearly fell out of my chair!) Democratic Sen. Hillary Clinton and former Republican House Speaker Newt Gingrich were jointly addressing a press conference about their bipartisan work toward solving problems with the health care system today. Was this a "vast left wing-right wing conspiracy"? Or was it finally just a couple of leaders realizing that the way to get good work done is by bringing different people together with different skills and perspectives, but with a common interest and common good at heart. And health care is in dire need of some bipartisan collaboration.

More good news: I work for a company that truly appreciates diversity. Recently, our organization was recognized by Diversity Inc. as one of the top five companies in the United States for diversity. We were awarded this honor based on factors including our CEO's commitment to diversity; human capital; corporate communications, and supplier diversity. I am proud of our company's achievement, but also our continuous vision for maintaining a work culture in which diversity is deemed critical. Our company mindset and culture teaches each employee that his or her differences are important and do matter, both at work and in the world — and we provide a better service to our customers because of these differences. Just think, if adopted by other organizations at-large, this approach could make a mark in steering society towards more acceptance and appreciation for diversity.

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'We're doomed, Flash. Ming's right behind us!'

by Neal Barrett, Jr.

Trying to tell your grandkid that you went to the movies for a dime, blew the rest of your dough on popcorn, Milk Duds and a soft drink and still had change to rattle in your pocket isn't going to work. Times have really changed.

My wife and I went to the movies Saturday, got the senior rate (big deal) then spent 16 bucks on two popcorns and drinks. And we didn't get a double feature, news, cartoon, plus "Flash Gordon Conquers the Universe," episode nine. We got one lousy movie and half an hour of trailers advertising the losers we hope to miss whenever they come around.

It sure makes you yearn for the Good Old Days. I've found a good way to clear the room is telling youngsters I went to the Mayflower Theatre in Oklahoma City every Saturday afternoon to watch Flash Gordon, Dick Tracy, Captain Marvel, Zorro or The Lone Ranger get into impossible situations at the end of 22 minutes — death dilemmas that no one could possibly survive.

And what did we do then? First, we sat through the whole thing two or three times, then went home and wondered how our hero could ever come out alive this time.

"You mean," the grandkid says, "you suffered through this for 15 episodes, week after week? Why didn't they just show the whole thing all at once?"

One answer's pretty obvious. They wanted to keep us coming back. And boy, did we!

We went to see the latest episode of "Captain Marvel." One source claims he was the first comic

superhero to make the transition to the movies, in 1941, while another says Tailspin Tommy made it to the screen in 1934. Ah, well. I don't even remember Tailspin Tommy, and I'm sure I saw every Captain Marvel serial made.

Shazam!

Now there was a hero to appeal to a 10-year-old kid. An old wizard gave young Billy Batson the magic word, and bam! He was a grown-up superhero, just what every boy as skinny as I was had in mind.

Want to win an easy bet? Where does the word "Shazam!" come from? Give up? It's the first letter in Solomon, Hercules, Atlas, Zeus, Achilles and Mercury. Wow. Winners every one!

The first Captain Marvel serial, "The Adventures of Captain Marvel," was a hit, and there was no stopping Billy and the Captain after that.

It's impossible to name all the greats of the serial world, but Flash Gordon was one of the most popular heroes of all time. Flash, along with the lovely Dale Arden and brilliant scientist Dr. Zharkov, struggled through comic books, serials and movies fighting the madman of the universe, Ming the Merciless.

Ming was intent on dropping poisonous purple dust into Earth's atmosphere and killing everyone on the planet. And that was on one of Ming's good days.

Larry "Buster" Crabbe played Flash (as well as Buck Rogers and Tarzan). Buster Crabbe was an Olympic swimming champion at the 1932 games, and he really fit the role of the superhero.

Places far, near

When I was a kid, far away was really far away. Serials often took us to Africa: There was Tarzan, starting in 1935 with Herman Brix in the "New Adventures of Tarzan." "Terry and the Pirates" went to Africa in 1940 to fight giant gorillas and tiger men. Jungle Jim, Jungle Girl, The Phantom, Jack Armstrong and many others found adventure on the distant continent, too.

I liked the idea that youngsters in "Jack Armstrong" and "Captain Midnight" had parents a lot more broad-minded than mine. It never occurred to me to ask Mom and Dad if I could have a Congo or Amazon adventure. I had to be home by dark, and a good adventure takes a lot longer than that.

I was just as excited about heroes who fought evil right at home, and in the 1930s and 1940s there were plenty of wrongdoers to go around. Newspaper publisher Britt Reid found time to chase fiends of every sort as The Green Hornet. I still get a chill recalling the sound of The Green Hornet's car, the famous Black Beauty.

Britt was aided in his adventures by his faithful valet, Kato, who was Japanese until Pearl Harbor, and then, suddenly, Filipino. Dick Tracy fought bad guys without ever leaving town, and so did The Shadow.

Still more!

Batman came onto the serial scene in 1943, beating Superman by five years. There was Chandru the Magician, Mandrake, Secret Agent X-9. And don't forget Western stars like Ken Maynard, Bob Steele, Hopalong Cassidy and Gene Autry.

Gene Autry has the dubious honor of making possibly the worst serial ever, a bomb called "The

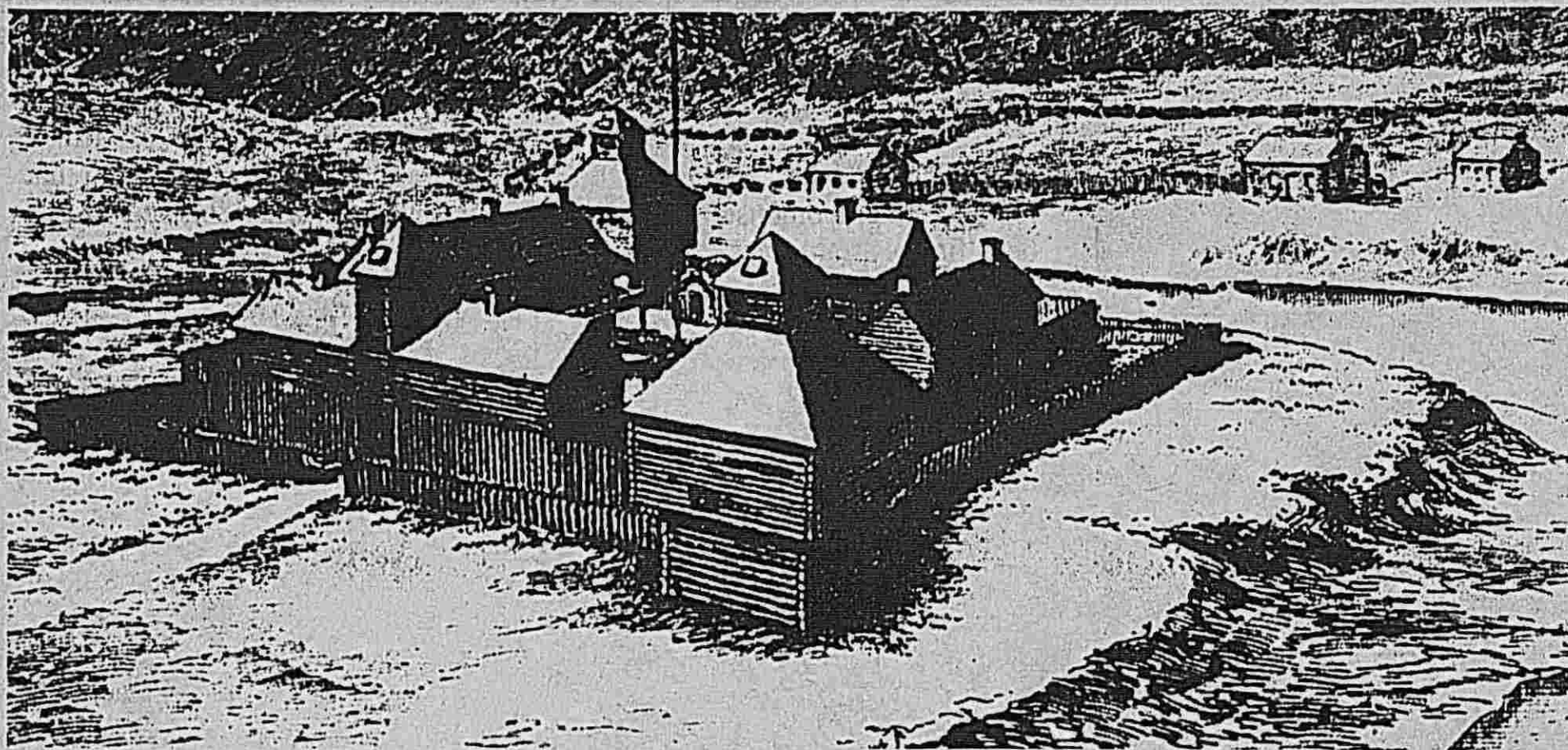
Phantom Empire." It was downhill from the start. Oddly enough, the underground "Scientific City" of Murania lay 20,000 feet below Gene's Radio Ranch. Here, Gene encountered robots, ray guns, villains in capes and every possible gadget from a nightmare future. And, in spite of all these distractions, he managed to toss in a song or two!

They didn't call these serials "cliffhangers" for nothing, and one of the biggest problems was finding a new disaster for the hero every week. You can hang a pretty girl over bubbling lava once, toss your hero into a gator pit maybe twice. After that, it's hard to come up with something really new. Sharks, cobras? "See what's left in the closet, Al."

And did you notice? You and I weren't the only ones devoted to the Saturday afternoon serials. A kid named George Lucas was in there, too, munching his popcorn in the dark, thinking how he'd sure like to do something fun like that when he grew up. Maybe something with ancient tombs, or Jedi knights. Something like Indiana Jones in "Raiders of the Lost Ark," or a series called "Star Wars." Hey, why not? Gene Autry's Phantom Empire worked....

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An artist's rendition of an overview of Fort Dearborn correctly places the blockhouses at opposite corners of the entire complex. The fort's gates reportedly opened on what is today Michigan Avenue. The Chicago River is visible at lower right.

(Courtesy Chicago Historical Society)

Massacre in Chicago's center

by Bill Keefe

The orders were clear. Capt. Nathan Heald, U.S. Army commander at Fort Dearborn, was to gather his small garrison and evacuate the fort. Settlers living nearby would be free to join the retreat.

An Indian messenger delivered the orders to the fort (precursor of the future city of Chicago) on Aug. 9, 1812. War was in the air — specifically, the War of 1812.

Capt. Heald suddenly had decisions to make. He could travel with his troops and their dependents to either Detroit, Mich., or Fort Wayne, Ind. He could destroy the fort's supplies of trade goods, guns and liquor, or leave them for the Indians who were already gathering outside the fort.

Named commander at Fort Dearborn in 1810, Capt. Heald had held a similar post at Fort Wayne, some 170 miles distant. New Hampshire-born, he discharged his duties fairly and impartially. But he had encountered resistance from traders, who resented his efforts to control the liquor trade with local Indian tribes.

Concerned for the fort's small contingent of women and children, Captain Heald had trained some settlers as a tiny militia force. Among the women was his wife, who only three months earlier had lost a child, born dead, chroniclers believe, because of a lack of medical services.

Importantly, Fort Dearborn protected the "portage trail" linking the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence River with the Mississippi. "Over a week's march from Fort Wayne, Chicago [also] lay in a certain line of attack at the opening of hostilities," writes Bessie Louise Pierce in her multi-volume work, "A History of Chicago." In a sign of growing Indian unrest, Winnebago Indians had in April killed two white farm-

ers living only about four miles from Fort Dearborn.

Preparing to leave, the garrison on Aug. 13 welcomed Capt. William Wells, an experienced frontiersman, and nearly 30 friendly Miami Indians. The newcomers were to assist in the retreat to Fort Wayne. They convinced Capt. Heald that it would be dangerous to leave the post's supplies of guns and liquor for the Potawatomi Indians outside the fort. Supposedly the goods had been promised to the Potawatomi in return for safe passage to Fort Wayne.

"That night [Aug. 13], the whiskey and guns were dumped in the well and the [Chicago] River," write Herman Kogan and Lloyd Wendt in their book, "Chicago: A Pictorial History." The following day a Potawatomi chief called at the fort to warn that he could not now restrain his young men.

Later, the son of Chief Leopold Pokagon, who was present at the massacre, would declare that it was this destruction of the whiskey and guns that provoked the attack. The Indians, he said, had been promised these goods in return for helping the whites make their way to Fort Wayne.

In Indian country

Great Britain and the United States were fighting for control of the entire Great Lakes region and its thriving trade in furs and other goods. The local Indian tribes largely favored Great Britain, believing that a British victory would stem the Americans' westward migration.

Both of the warring nations recognized the strategic importance of Fort Dearborn, the lone American outpost beyond the line of settlement. Representatives of both countries had taken note of the advantageous juncture of the "Chicago creek" and the lake. Planning ahead, the U.S. government had acquired

title to the land by treaty in 1795.

The government thus owned "one piece of land six miles square at the mouth of the Chicago River," Ms. Pierce writes. Among the traders and explorers who visited, as early as the 1770s, was Jean Baptiste Point du Sable, a Haitian immigrant, who had established a trading post on the site. By the time du Sable left in 1800, a handful of settlers was living on the land.

Reaching westward, the federal government in Washington decided to build a fort on the river's banks. Construction began under the direction of Capt. John Whistler in August 1803. Partly finished the following spring, Fort Dearborn became operational with a total Army garrison of about 70 officers and enlisted ranks.

"Two blockhouses guarded opposite angles of the fort, their cannon commanding the surrounding territory from which the underbrush and bushes were removed," notes Ms. Pierce. Also inside the stockade were log barracks, a brick powder magazine and smaller buildings around a parade ground.

Outside were the garrison stables, a garden and buildings for an Indian agent and a factor whose assignment was to encourage trade with the Indians.

Death in dunes

"The morning of August 15 came clear and hot. At nine o'clock the stockade gates swung open," write Messrs. Kogan and Wendt. "Commands were shouted. Riders clattered into formation, the wagons creaked. The fifers sounded mournful tones."

The column turned south, taking a route approximately parallel to the south branch of the river. They had not traveled a mile and a half when Captain Wells saw Indians lurking in the hills. He sped back toward Capt. Heald, signaling that they were surrounded.

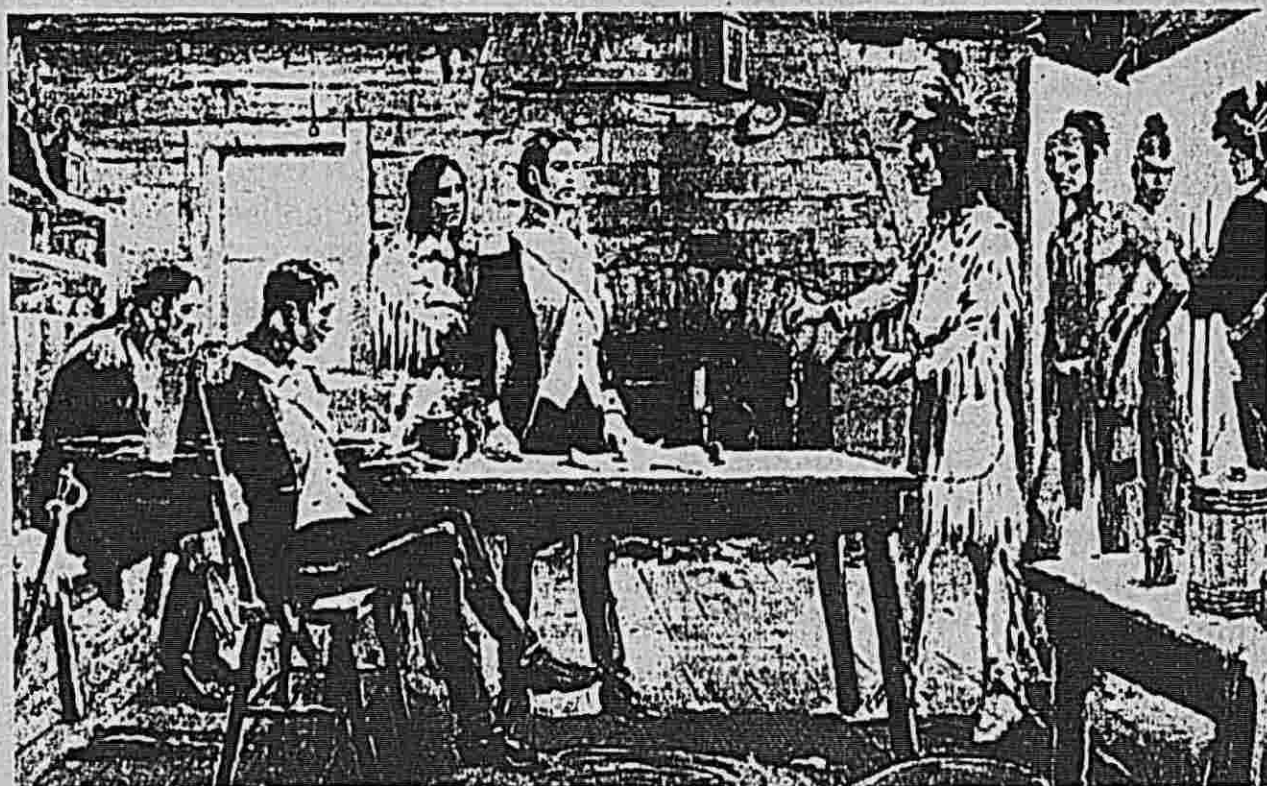
Captain Heald led his garrison troops in a charge into the dunes. In minutes the advancing soldiers became separated from the remainder of the column. Two battles developed as more than 500 Indian attackers cut off Capt. Heald and his detachment and simultaneously rampaged among the volunteer militiamen and the women and children.

The "battle of the wagons" raged uncontrollably, producing scenes of horror. As the women fought with whatever weapons came to hand, "The militia and soldiers, defending the wagons, were cut down and killed in hand to hand fighting," Ms. Pierce writes. Meanwhile, "The main body of regulars under Capt. Heald had been surrounded and forced to surrender" on a promise of safe conduct.

Acts of bravery succeeded instances of cowardice. The Miami Indians who had come with Capt. Wells fled before the battle began. Enraged by the slaughter, the captain attacked the Potawatomi single handedly until gunfire threw him from his horse. He died taunting his attackers.

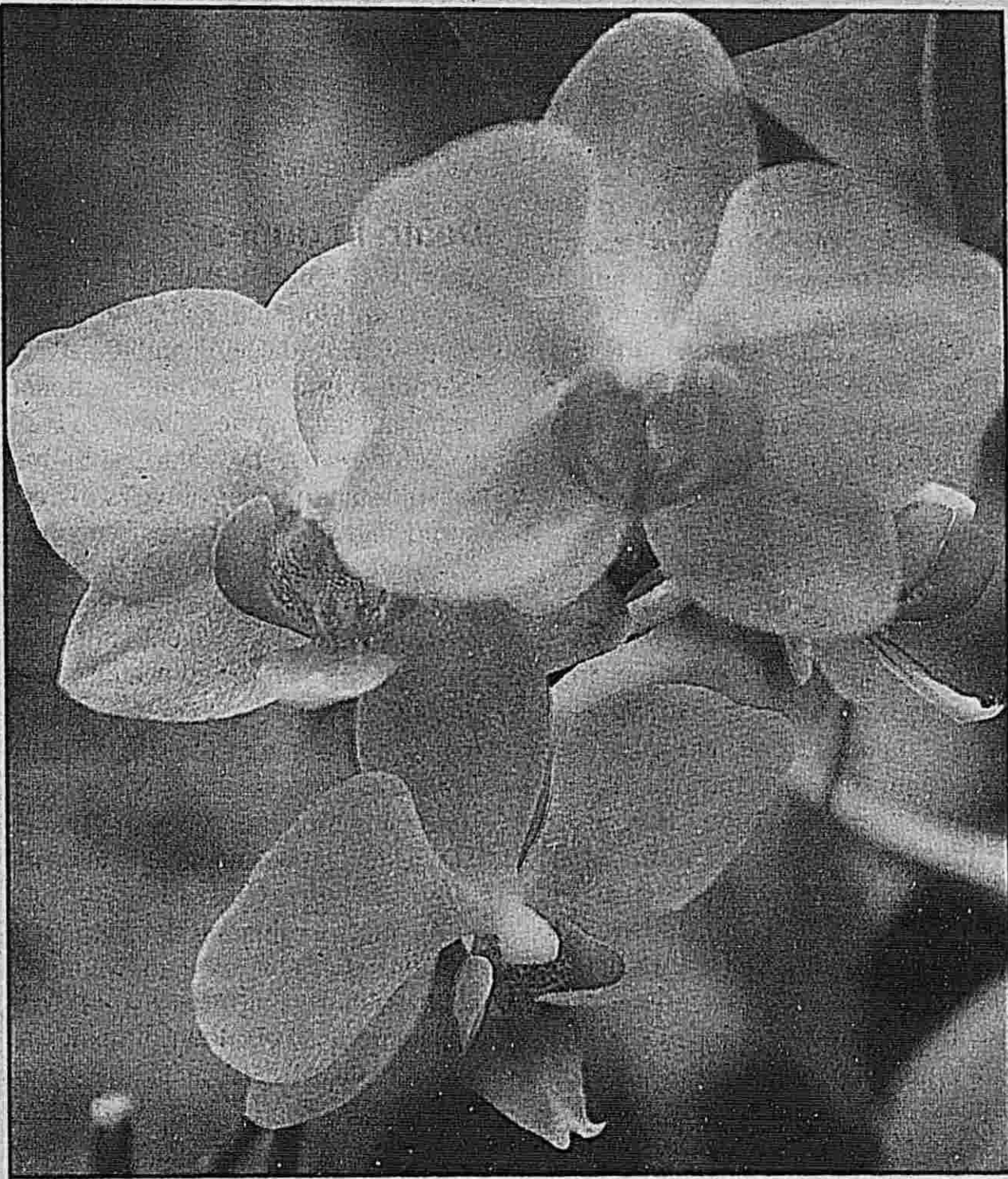
In several cases friendly Potawatomi rescued members of Captain Heald's party. But, "marched up the beach," the white prisoners "were struck with horror at the slaugh-

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A painting attributed to artist F. R. Glass shows Potawatomi Chief Black Partridge returning the medal he had received earlier from American authorities. He warns Capt. Heald (second from left, seated) that blood will be shed.

(Courtesy Chicago Public Library)



Orchids: Hard to fail with Phalaenopsis

by Lynn Van Matre

The ancient Chinese philosopher Confucius is said to have likened the pleasure of visiting with good friends to the joy of entering a room filled with delicious-scented orchids. Medieval European herbalists ascribed aphrodisiacal properties to the plants' sensual-looking tubers and ground them up into love potions.

Mystery writer Rex Stout's corpulent detective, Nero Wolfe, loved raising orchids in his New York brownstone almost as much as he loved to eat. And countless teenage girls have dreamed about their prom date presenting them with an orchid corsage (Anne Emery, a popular 1950s teen fiction writer, even titled one book "First Orchid for Pat").

Orchids' mystique has endured for centuries. So has their finicky reputation.

Plant lovers in Victorian England fell in love with the exotic specimens that explorers brought back from South America and other faraway places and were willing to pay high sums for them. But they found orchids tricky to grow. Soon the plants were pegged as pricey prima donnas — best suited to climate-controlled greenhouses, such as the commercial orchid nurseries that began to appear in California in the early 1900s and later sprang up in other parts of the U.S.

Now, however, orchids are blossoming as affordable houseplants. The long-blooming beauties rank second only to poinsettias in potted plant

sales, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and sales show no signs of slowing. Plants can be found in profusion at supermarkets, mass merchandisers and nurseries, at prices as low as \$10 for a potted specimen boasting several showy blooms that can last for weeks. Larger plants can be found for around \$20.

"Because of increased mass production in places like Taiwan and new orchid propagation techniques such as cloning, prices have come down by and large," says Dana Harrison, greenhouse manager at Orchids by Hausermann in Villa Park, Ill., one of the largest retail orchid nurseries in the U.S. The family-owned business has been growing and hybridizing the plants since the 1930s and now has four acres devoted to orchids.

"There always will be some varieties that are more expensive, but prices for most orchids now are comparable with prices for other flowering plants," adds Mr. Harrison, who oversees production of more than 100 species. "It's also a matter of education. Orchids always have had a certain mystique, and now people are discovering that most orchids' reputation for being hard to grow is undeserved."

Orchids' fussy reputation probably stemmed in part from misguided attempts by Victorian-era English gardeners to replicate what they thought of as the plants' natural habitat. Because the orchids originated in tropical countries, plant lovers created an enclosed area called a "stove

house" for them, with a coal fire and flue of hot bricks kept wet to create steam. Most orchids quickly keeled over due to excessive heat and lack of ventilation. Nevertheless, their reputation as hothouse plants had been firmly established.

While it still can take a bit of a green thumb to grow some species, several types of orchids available today qualify as easy-care houseplants. Chief among them are members of the Phalaenopsis family, the best bet for beginners and the best-selling orchid in the country, according to the USDA.

Commonly found in supermarkets and discount merchandiser garden centers, Phalaenopsis is also known as the "moth orchid" because its petals resemble moth wings in shades (or combinations) of creamy white, lavender, yellow or pink. Like many other houseplants, it thrives when daytime temperatures are in the 70s and nighttime lows are around 55-65 degrees Fahrenheit. It likes indirect sunlight, but doesn't need as much as other orchids.

"Phalaenopsis is most suitable for the novice because it doesn't require vast amounts of light," Mr. Harrison says. "The light from most windows will be enough. And the average home is OK in terms of its humidity needs, though you may want to mist the plant in winter if the air is dry and you don't have a humidifier."

Phalaenopsis plants have the longest-lasting flowers of any orchid, Mr. Harrison notes. "The plant can be in flower from six weeks to several months, and after that, if you cut the stem back halfway, it will encourage it to rebloom," he says.

Don't overwater

Unlike most houseplants, which grow in potting soil, orchids most often are grown in a bark mix that simulates natural growing conditions. In the wild, most tropical and subtropical orchids are epiphytic, meaning they grow on the trunks and branches of trees but do not derive nourishment from the trees. Nero Wolfe was wrong at least in part when he compared orchids to concubines, calling them "expensive, parasitic and temperamental." Most orchids are not parasitic; they simply get more light by growing atop tree branches than they would by growing on the ground.

If you decide to give orchids a try, the bark mix probably will require watering every five to 10 days. Give the plant enough water to run out the drainage holes in the bottom of the pot, and make sure the pot isn't sitting in the runoff. Be sure to allow the potting medium to nearly dry out between waterings.

Overwatering is the most common mistake made by novice growers, according to the American Orchid Society, which maintains an extensive orchid care Web site at www.orchidweb.org. The second most common mistake, according to the AOS, is overfeeding. The group recommends a fertilizer high in nitrogen for plants grown in a

bark-based potting mix; slow release or balanced fertilizers also can be used on a monthly basis.

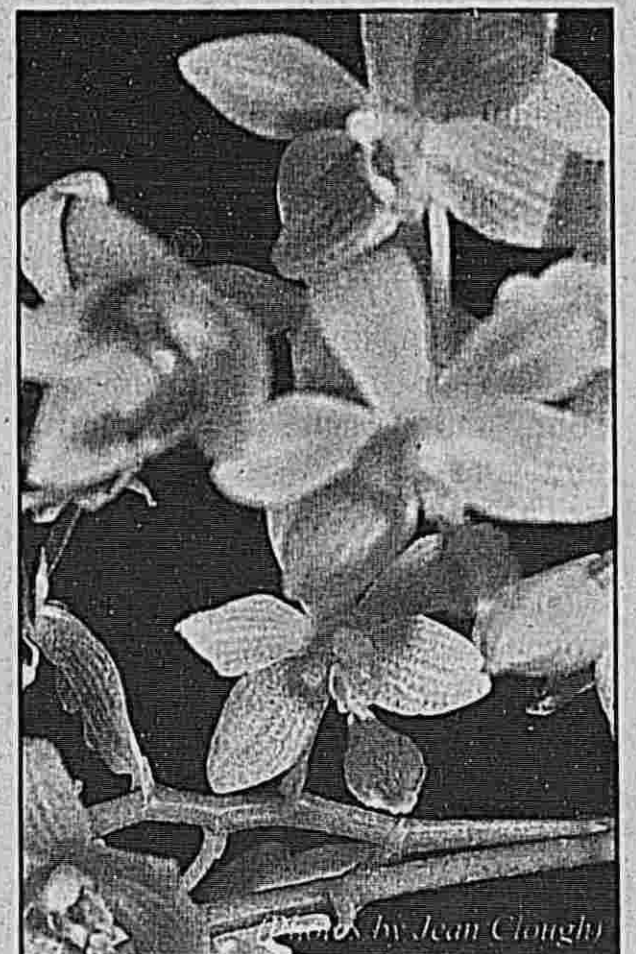
Now that orchids are so affordable, many people treat them like poinsettias or amaryllis and discard the plants once they have finished flowering. However, with a little care, Phalaenopsis can be made to bloom again the next year. Cut the flower spike off a little above ground level when the plant has finished its seasonal bloom cycle and continue to water and fertilize. Mr. Harrison recommends repotting once a year in a bark mixture, when the plant is not in bud or in flower. He cautions against assuming the plant has outgrown its pot because there are tentacle-like roots growing over the side.

"That's natural for an orchid," he says. "It doesn't mean that the plant needs repotting."

Orchid lovers who have mastered Phalaenopsis and want to try something more challenging may want to try growing Dendrobium or Oncidium hybrids, which also have become cheaper (typical prices now are around \$20-\$30) and more common due to cloning. Other popular choices include the Cattleya, which produces the big purple or white flowers prized as corsages. With more than 35,000 species of orchids and what Mr. Harrison describes as "tens of thousands, possibly hundreds of thousands" of hybrids, there are plenty of choices.

But Oncidiums, for example, have high humidity requirements and are prone to wrinkled leaves if moisture demands are not met. And Cattleya are expensive, reflecting the fact that it takes seven to 10 years before they grow large enough to bloom. So, before investing time and money in more challenging orchids, be sure that you can provide the environmental conditions the plants need to flourish. If in doubt, visit a nursery or garden center with on-staff plant experts and don't be shy about asking questions.

"We encourage people to buy the orchid that is most suitable for their environment," Mr. Harrison says. "Sometimes that means talking them out of a plant that they were planning to purchase." ■



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With hives, you itch like mad

by Carolyn Banks

For me, it starts with a telltale itch. If I scratch, a welt develops, and then another and another and another. These welts or wheals are irregularly edged, red-rimmed raised areas, kind of like mosquito bites, though a little larger. And, as itchy as mosquito bites can be, these welts itch more intensely.

What I have is urticaria, also known as hives. It's a mysterious and bedeviling ailment. For most, it's uncomfortable. For some, it's excruciating. And for a very unlucky few, it can cause symptoms that are life-threatening.

So far, I've only reached the excruciating stage, and this but a few times in my life. This is the point at which I not only itch all over, but my eyes also swell shut, and my lips triple in size. Still, even though my urticaria has never gone beyond this to the point where my throat begins to swell shut, I carry a syringe full of epinephrine in my handbag, just in case I reach the life-threatening point where the larynx swells and the airway is closed.

My own urticaria will probably never come to that. Most cases are mild — the itch I initially described and some welts. According to the Mayo Clinic web site (<http://www.mayoclinic.com/health/hives-and-angioedema/DS00313>), as many as one in five people have experienced hives. The welts come and go and are usually inconsequential. But when angioedema — facial swelling — complicates hives, real worry begins.

Angioedema

Angioedema can be pretty dramatic. I remember standing in front of a mirror one time when it hit and watching my upper lip inflate in just seconds. It can affect one eye or both, one lip or both. The sufferer learns to feel the peculiar tingle that means it's happening (which is why I ran to the mirror).

Because hives and angioedema are most likely an allergic reaction, an antihistamine like Benadryl (diphenhydramine) is the first line of defense. Frequently, however, over-the-counter relief is not enough.

Angioedema is most often confined to the face, and it is not life-threatening. If you go to the emergency room, they'll probably give you a shot of prednisone or cortisone and you'll start deflating almost at once.

The attack may be your first and only, in which case you'll be left wondering what the cause was and how you can prevent it from happening again. Most likely, you'll never know.

If it continues

If you're having an acute attack, which means the hives and swelling

persist off and on for days on end, you'll probably visit your physician. It is likely you'll leave with a prescription for Atarax or Vistaryl (hydroxyzine hydrochloride), an antihistamine also used to relieve anxiety and tension.

Some doctors, however, might prescribe an oral course of prednisone, requiring you to take many pills, many times a day at first, then cutting back as days pass. But prednisone often has side effects like hunger, restlessness and even aggressive behavior. You may then end up wondering if the hives and swelling were so bad after all.

According to Alan Wanderer, M.D., in his "Hives: The Road to Diagnosis & Treatment of Urticaria" (Anson Publishing, 2004), 80 percent of people stricken with hives never find out what caused them.

In my own case, I think I have low-grade urticaria almost always, itching when I'm nervous and getting worse as I wonder whether my face, or worse, my airway, is going to swell. Whether or not hives are caused by stress is open to question, but this much isn't: Hives cause stress.

And if you scratch hives, they can beget more hives. In fact, dermatographism is a form of hives created by scratching. To test for it, a doctor will run an object (a piece of metal or a tongue blade or even the edge of a book) across your skin. If you have this form of hives, the welts will start to develop right then and there.

To add to the mystery, your skin may not react this way until a week from now!

Odder forms

I remember someone at a health club climbing into a hot tub and emerging with welts all over his body. This man was exhibiting aquagenic urticaria. Sometimes it's the water itself, and sometime it's the temperature of the water that can cause the hives.

Similarly, there's a form of

urticaria that develops upon exposure to cold. Another form, solar urticaria, is brought on by exposure to sunlight.

Urticaria can even be brought on by exercise (exercise-induced urticaria). If you have one of these forms of hives, look at the bright side: You have identified the cause and can therefore avoid it.

Pressure urticaria

Pressure urticaria is perhaps the most baffling and painful form. A woman convinced she suffers from it, though it's never been diagnosed, says, "It's as if your skin aches way down in some deep layer. In my case, it's the skin along my hips. I can't sleep because the skin, not the joint, aches and aches when it's in contact with the mattress. I tried to talk to my doctor about this, and he said, 'Oh, it's arthritis,' then, 'Oh, it's bursitis,' but it isn't."

"And the pain isn't constant from one day to the next. One day I'll be fine, and the next day my skin will be so painful that I can only lie on my side for about three minutes before I have to switch to the other side. Some days the pain is mild, and some days I feel like crying."

She says, in addition to her hips, the soles of her feet will sometimes ache, no matter what shoes she wears.

Even more difficult to diagnose is "delayed pressure urticaria" where the response comes two to six hours after the offending pressure. Pressure urticaria can occur without the presence of welts, making it even more difficult to identify.

A type of pressure urticaria commonly occurs where a waistband, bra or other piece of restrictive clothing comes in contact with the body. When the clothing is removed, the area itches. When the itchy area is scratched, welts appear.

Self help

There are various preparations to keep itching under control. Aveeno, for instance, makes oatmeal soaps and baths. My doctor gave me a pre-

scription for something the pharmacist had to prepare the old-fashioned way: C-triamcin mixed with Nutraderm lotion. It's an anti-inflammatory steroidal preparation that I use the minute I feel the particular itch that I have come to know so well.

Some swear by calamine lotion, that old standby. Many hives sufferers, surprisingly, say this works better than Caladryl, which combines calamine and pramoxine. Calamine lotion is inexpensive and widely available.

There are also fragrance-free detergents you can use in case you're having a reaction to something in the product you're currently using. Never had a bad reaction before? It doesn't matter. You just might be having one this time.

Forget cosmetics, too.

And try eliminating the foods that most often cause allergic reactions: nuts, fresh berries, shellfish. If you suspect that food caused your hives, you may want to eventually undertake a more elaborate elimination diet, but this one is advised for starters.

Most doctors will ask you if you've just had your hair dyed or have begun taking a new medication. Even switching from, say, a brand name medication to a generic version of the same med can cause hives because you might be reacting to one of the fillers, an inactive ingredient that may differ from one version to the next.

Aspirin or drugs categorized as NSAIDs (non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs) such as ibuprofen also might be the culprit.

An allergic reaction can get really tricky: It could be that you're susceptible to a cross-allergen. This is when you aren't allergic to either of two particular substances, but react if you encounter them in combination. One well-documented cross-reaction is exposure to latex after eating mango (or avocado or banana). Do you see why, in the majority of cases, the cause of urticaria is never pinpointed?

Serious

Recurrent hives can sometimes indicate an underlying medical condition such as thyroid or kidney problems. But recurrent hives, even if unrelated to a more serious medical condition, can lead to depression.

In a 1996 study in Berlin, a third of the 100 chronic urticaria patients studied had symptoms of depression. At the very least, the ailment is, as Malcolm W. Greaves called it in "The New England Journal of Medicine," both "debilitating and frightening."

For many, the idiopathic nature of the ailment (the cause cannot be identified) is the most frustrating part. Although Dr. Wanderer recommends that doctors take a detailed history to attempt to find it, it's likely sufferers will end up doing it on their own. It's a nit-picky task that just might be worth it.



(Original photo by Carolyn Banks)



A young red fox learns new ways to find food in urban environments. (Photos courtesy Niebrugge Images)

Be careful around 'urban wildlife'

by Robert Seidenberg

Wildlife biologist Stan Gehrt and his team caught their first Chicago-area coyote in a forest preserve on a crisp night in March six years ago. About 30 pounds, the size of a small dog, she had distinctive yellow eyes and a brown coat tinged with silver.

They fixed a radio collar to the animal and were preparing to track movements. But when an anxious Dr. Gehrt returned to the area the next night and tried to pick up the radio signal, "There was nothing there," he recalls.

The Ohio State University wildlife biologist, who holds a doctorate in wildlife ecology, believed the animal would remain in the area and band with other coyotes in the preserve.

"We were wrong," he says. "She was just visiting."

Trying a number of other spots, Dr. Gehrt finally picked up a faint signal on the radio system of his specially equipped Ford pickup. Eventually he located the

animal in a patch of undeveloped easement between an interstate highway and a subdivision more than two miles from the site where the coyote was originally spotted.

Three people walking dogs on leashes stared at Dr. Gehrt as he drove up after midnight, his pickup's radio equipment beeping loudly as he tracked his quarry.

"That was my first exposure to how close people can be to a coyote and not know it," he says.

Since then, Dr. Gehrt and his team — sponsored by the Cook County Department of Animal Control — have tagged and marked some 250 coyotes on the move throughout the Chicago area. The animals have stealthily taken refuge in a variety of urban and suburban settings, including shopping malls and golf courses.

"We found there were many more coyotes out there than we thought," Dr. Gehrt says. "Some of them avoid people or at least avoid developed areas, but many of them don't. They're just very secretive."

Numbers rise

The animals are just one of the species of wildlife to surface in urban centers such as Chicago in recent years. According

to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, which issues permits for removal of animals, the number of complaints involving animals increased 24 percent, from 63,812 in 2003 to 83,117 in 2004.

More than 80 percent of the increase occurred in the region that includes the greater Chicago metropolitan area.

Some of the incidents might be too bizarre to fit into any pattern. A raccoon was found earlier this year living on the 43rd story of the Kluczynski Federal Building.

"He looked pretty ashamed," the worker who discovered the intruder says, expressing regret that the animal had to be transferred to a forest, far removed from the bountiful harvest afforded by urban garbage cans.

Red foxes also are increasingly setting up housekeeping in urban centers, the Department of Natural Resources reports. The foxes are trying to escape coyotes, their main predator. (Obviously, they don't realize coyotes are moving to cities.)

The foxes also are looking to feed on cottontail rabbits, which are showing up in cities because of rural habitat loss due to row crop agriculture, reported research biologist Todd Gosselink in 2004, conducting studies through the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

"Life is better for foxes in the urban and suburban areas," reports the state Department of Natural Resources, after quoting from Dr. Gosselink's report. "Immediate threats are hidden, and foxes easily adapt to fragmented habitats altered by human activity."

The transition may not be as easy for white-tailed deer. The deer population has soared to an estimated 750,000 in Illinois, reaching numbers higher than in the days of early settlers.

A deer went wild a few months ago near the Southern Illinois University campus in Carbondale; a doe protected her fawn by attacking a campus police officer.

"Basically, it's a case where habitats intersected," says a university spokesperson.

Animals move in

The appearance of wildlife in so-called urban places is a result of different factors, but the "number one, major" reason is loss of natural habitat, says Dr. Douglas Inkley, Ph.D., senior science advisor with the National Wildlife Foundation.

"We have a rapidly expanding population," Dr. Inkley says. "We have housing developments, the urbanization of places." As forests are cut down, many animals are forced to relocate. In some cases, animals have been able to adapt, but not always.

Some species, like the gray wolf or timber wolf, once plentiful in 48 states, were thinned dangerously through hunting and loss of prey as their habitats shrunk, placing them on the endangered species list, he says.

Songbirds and other species are threatened by "habitat fragmentation," where habitats, once continuous, are broken into smaller frag-

ments. Some species are unable to survive in the smaller areas or on their edges, thus needing larger ecosystems, Dr. Inkley says.

Suburbs expand

Charles Traxler, a public affairs specialist with the Midwest Division of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, points to the expansion of urban areas — with suburban sprawl spreading out in a wide radius.

In Minneapolis, where one of his offices is located, "I can drive 30 miles and still be in the suburbs," he says.

As larger animals leave the forests and turn up in cities, wildlife experts have had to address the approaches people can take to coexist with displaced forest critters.

Coyotes pose a special problem because the very name evokes such emotional responses, almost primal fear. Most researchers say the animals aren't really aggressive toward human beings generally, but can be a problem if people attempt to feed or interact with them.

They can also be a danger to small household pets left outside at night or allowed to roam unleashed.

A 1998 study published by California researchers Rex O. Baker and Robert M. Timm reports a number of incidents involving coyotes biting or nipping children, adults and pets over a 10-year period in southern California.



A coyote, wearing his winter fur, searches the fields.

They attribute the upsurge in such incidents to a "modification of the coyote's inherent fear of humans." They stress, too, it is critical to keep food and water inaccessible. Trash receptacles in parks or near urban areas should be animal-proof.

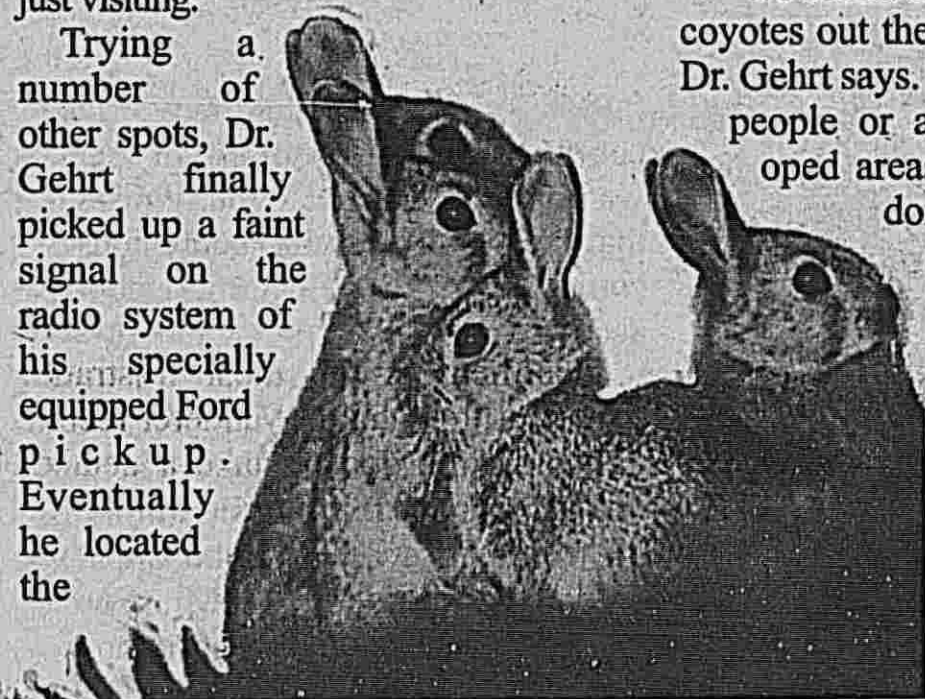
Precaution urged

The number one warning from the California Department of Fish & Game is "Stash your food and trash." Garbage should be put in tightly closed containers that cannot be tipped over. Sources of water should be removed, particularly in dry climates.

Other safeguards include:

- Do not leave small children or pets outside unattended.

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Riding with Abe Lincoln on the 8th Judicial Circuit

by Margaret Schmidt

Bones seemed to account for every one of his 180 pounds. The bones stretched upwards to a height of six feet, four inches. The skin of his face was dark, wrinkly, weather-beaten and topped with coarse, black hair. Above his high cheekbones, grey eyes sat in deep sockets overhung with heavy brows. His mouth was wide, his lips thick, his voice an unexpected high tenor.

This is how Abraham Lincoln was known to the people of central Illinois, where many towns had neither a lawyer nor a justice of the peace to settle disputes. Instead, citizens hired a traveling lawyer for representation before a circuit court judge. The judges and lawyers on the circuit rode together from county seat to county seat, serving as courts of original jurisdiction for both civil and criminal cases.

The circuit years lasted from 1837, when Lincoln took the lawyer's oath to support the U.S. and Illinois Constitutions, to 1860, when he was elected president. They were the times Lincoln was probably happiest, meeting country folk who valued his expertise, surrounded by friends who supplied plenty of good company for considering fine points of the law, telling jokes and musing about the foibles of human nature.

In those days a session of the court was often the main community entertainment, the room packed with country folks who wanted to be entertained and to have something to take home to talk about. Facing such formidable audiences, Lincoln learned to think logically and to speak with forceful candor.

"His mind caught the substantial turning point of his case and he stripped [sic] all cobwebs and collaterals away, and stood up the substan-

tial question fairly and honorably before his opponent, court & jury," wrote Lincoln's law partner, William H. Herndon.

Riding the circuit

Lincoln tried about 6,000 cases in his lifetime, most in the central Illinois counties that made up the Eighth Judicial Circuit. In 1839 the circuit included Champaign, Dewitt, Macon, Mason, McLean, Menard, Sangamon and Tazewell counties. Three years later, Christian, Logan, Shelby and Woodford counties were added. Then, in 1853, the circuit was limited to Sangamon, Logan, McLean, Woodford, Tazewell, DeWitt, Champaign and Vermilion.

Circuit riding took place in March and again in August at Springfield. Lincoln spent two to three months each circuit session traveling by horseback or buggy along with a presiding judge and fellow attorneys. Lincoln usually wore a long soiled linen coat streaked with perspiration and carried a saddlebag full of books.

To reach each court in time for its opening session, the lawyers often had to saddle up before dawn and stay on horseback late into the night. The total trip was about 500 miles long. In good weather, the horses could make four or five miles an hour but in bad, only one or two.

The travelers stayed at local taverns, farm homes and rooming houses. They ate communal meals at irregular hours in places that would never pass today's restaurant codes. They shared beds in flea-ridden establishments, climbing in together, two to a narrow bunk.

As a lawyer, Lincoln was known for charging low fees, often \$3.50 to \$5 (about \$85 - \$120 in today's money). He sometimes refused to take cases that he did not think morally right and always tried to

prevent unnecessary litigation.

The largest fee Lincoln ever charged was \$2,000, after he had won an important case for the Illinois Central Railroad. He took his bill in person to the railroad's offices in Chicago. When the clerk saw the amount, he blurted out, "Why, this is as much as a first-class lawyer would have charged."

When fellow lawyers heard the story of the clerk's shabby comment, they persuaded Lincoln to present another bill, bringing his fee up to \$5,000. Six of them testified that the new sum was actually a fair and moderate charge. Lincoln sued for the higher amount and won.

Creating solutions

When he could, Lincoln settled cases out of court, often devising creative solutions of his own. In 1847 he was the lawyer for Melissa Goings, who had been called to appear in Metamora (Woodford County) before a coroner's court and post \$1,000 bond. Mrs. Goings had fended off a violent attack by her husband, picking up a piece of wood and striking him two sound blows. He died a few days later.

When the case was called, Mrs. Goings was nowhere to be found. The court bailiff asked Lincoln if he had advised his client to flee. Lincoln replied, "She wanted to know where she could get a good drink of water, and I told her there was mighty good water in Tennessee."

Citizens of Postville (Logan County) told the story of Lincoln defending a young man arrested for horse stealing. Almost as heinous as murder, horse theft carried a long sentence in the penitentiary.

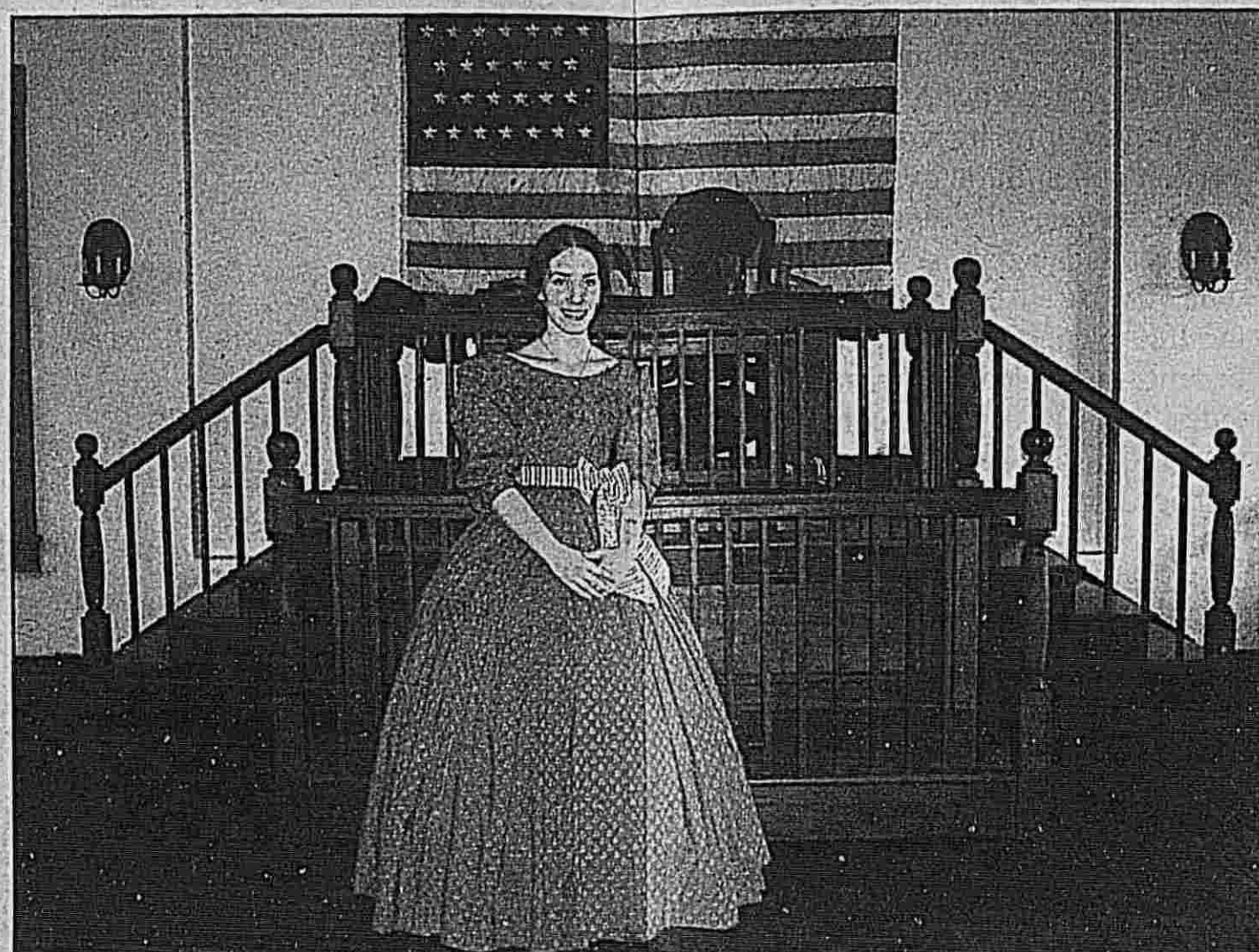
Lincoln began his defense by talking members of the court into taking their chairs outside and hearing the case under the shade of an apple tree. He announced that the defendant had, indeed, stolen the horse. To the prisoner he said, "Stand up and tell the judge how you came to do it. Tell him just as you told me."

The prisoner recounted that he had received word that his newborn baby had passed away and his wife was near dead from grief.

"The man I was working for I knew would not lend me the horse and I didn't know what to do," said the defendant. "But your Honor, I had to get home. So after dark I put a bridle on the horse and started for the Springfield railroad office. When I got nearly there, I took the bridle off the horse, fed and watered him and started him back to his home."

Lincoln talked the judge into merely fining the defendant. The young horse thief later became a prosperous farmer and worked tirelessly to help bring Lincoln to the presidency.

In 1848 residents of nearby Mount



Lincoln fiercely defended women's legal rights. (Courtesy Metamora Courthouse)

Lincoln key in boosting legal rights for women

by Tom Laue

Abraham Lincoln is known the world over for towering human rights achievements. Far less is known about the influential role he played when, as an Illinois country lawyer, he joined a tangled and protracted 15-year fight on behalf of a woman convinced her stepfather stole land rightfully belonging to her. His work eventually helped give women the legal right to own real estate.

The complex case, after numerous court hearings, including three before the Illinois Supreme Court, began in 1837 in Gallatin County in southeastern Illinois and finally ended in favor of the woman in 1852. Just nine years later, the Illinois Legislature passed the Married Women's Property Act. For the first time in Illinois, women could legally own land in their own names.

This fact — that under antebellum Illinois law, women could own no property — lay at the root of Dorman et ux. (and wife) v. Lane. Dorman was Nancy Robinson Dorman's husband who, on their behalf, sued John Lane in 1837. Lane, extremely prosperous and influential, raised Nancy after her natural

father died when she was eight, but he refused to give her the family homestead when she reached majority age.

However, the Dorman contended that Lane had no interest whatsoever in the become her guardian.

Further, Lincoln argued when he entered the case in its fifth year, Lane had made numerous other legal errors and should therefore be required to turn the land her biological father had owned back to her as the only child and rightful heir.

Among these errors, said Lincoln, were:

- Lane's failure to meet a legal deadline to pursue legal ownership of the disputed land.
- Failure to include in the land's value the income he obtained from it in the years he controlled it.

Mrs. Dorman died at about the time the case was finally settled, once and for all, in her favor. But Nancy Robinson Dorman's persistence in the face of overwhelming legal and social resistance, coupled with Lincoln's own determination, helped shape the course of increased women's rights in mid-19th Century Illinois.

old friend. As his dying wish, the friend had instructed his wife to sell the farm if necessary to get the money to hire Lincoln. Lincoln undertook the task without pay.

William "Duff" Armstrong, the defendant, along with James Norris, had beaten up James Metzger in a drunken nighttime brawl. Metzger died two days later. According to the charges, Armstrong had struck Metzger from the front with a "slung shot," a lead ball swung from an attached cord.

The already-convicted Norris had struck Metzger from behind using a piece of a wagon frame as a club. It was pretty clear that each man had meant to inflict serious damage.

When the Armstrong case came up, Lincoln appeared unimpressed and bored as he listened to the chief prosecution witness.

The witness contended that Armstrong had killed Metzger with the "slung-shot" at 11 p.m. under the light of a bright moon high in the sky. Lincoln established reasonable doubt by arguing that Norris' blow would have finished Metzger off without any help from Armstrong, and that the witness had been 60 to 150 feet away from Armstrong at the time.

Lincoln capped off the defense by showing that the moon had been at such a low angle it could not have produced enough light for the witness to see clearly. The use of "judicial notice" — showing that an eyewitness had lied — was rare at the time. Most trial lawyers in Lincoln's time used only witness testimony to prove their cases.

Finally Lincoln pleaded leniency for the defendant. "Real tears trickled down his homely face," writes historian Albert Woldman. "When Lincoln sat down some of the jurors were seen to wipe misty eyes with their rough, toil-worn hands." The jurors acquitted Armstrong on the first ballot.

Telling stories

Lincoln used humorous anecdotes rather than idealistic platitudes to illustrate his points in court.

"He invariably carried the listener with him to the very climax, and when that was reached in relating a humorous story, he laughed all over," said James B. Fry, an adjutant general who loved hearing Lincoln's stories. "His large mouth assumed an unexpected and comical shape, the skin on his nose gathered into wrinkles, and his small eyes, though partly closed, emitted infectious rays of fun."

According to Mr. Woldman, Lincoln told a particularly apt story when he represented a man charged with assault. Lincoln pointed out that his client had merely defended himself. The man who brought the

lawsuit had, in fact, viciously attacked Lincoln's client first. To illustrate the point, Lincoln said:

"My client is in the fix of a man, who in going along the highway with a pitchfork on his shoulder, was attacked by a fierce dog that ran out at him from a farmer's door-yard. In parrying off the dog with the fork, its prongs stuck into the brute and killed him."

"What made you kill my dog?" the farmer demanded.

"What made him try to bite me?"

"But why did you not go at him with the other end of the pitchfork?"

"Why did he not come after me with his other end?"

Lincoln, in turn, generated many stories that people across Illinois would later tell about him.

George W. Minier of Tazewell County told how he had witnessed a case in which Lincoln was arguing to collect \$200 owed to an old farmer. The farmer had sold the young Snow brothers a plow and two or three yoke of oxen to help them get a start in life.

The boys made full use of the plow and oxen, then refused to pay for the purchase. They argued that they were minors when they made the contract, which was therefore null and void.

Lincoln affirmed the validity of an Illinois law stating that stated minors could not be held responsible for a contract. He admitted further that the farmer knew the boys were minors at the time he relinquished the goods.

"What!" thought observer Minier, "this good old man, who confided in these boys, to be wronged in this

way, and even his counsel, Mr. Lincoln, to submit in silence!"

But Lincoln was not silent for long. He slowly got up, pulled himself to full height, and faced the jury, saying, "Gentlemen of the Jury, are you willing to allow these boys to begin life with this shame and disgrace attached to their character? If you are, I am not!"

Lincoln spent five minutes reminding the jury of the importance of a good name, and of how easily the law could be prostituted. He ended, "And now, gentlemen, you have it in your power to set these boys right before the world." The jury voted forthwith to make the boys pay the debt.

Tough issues

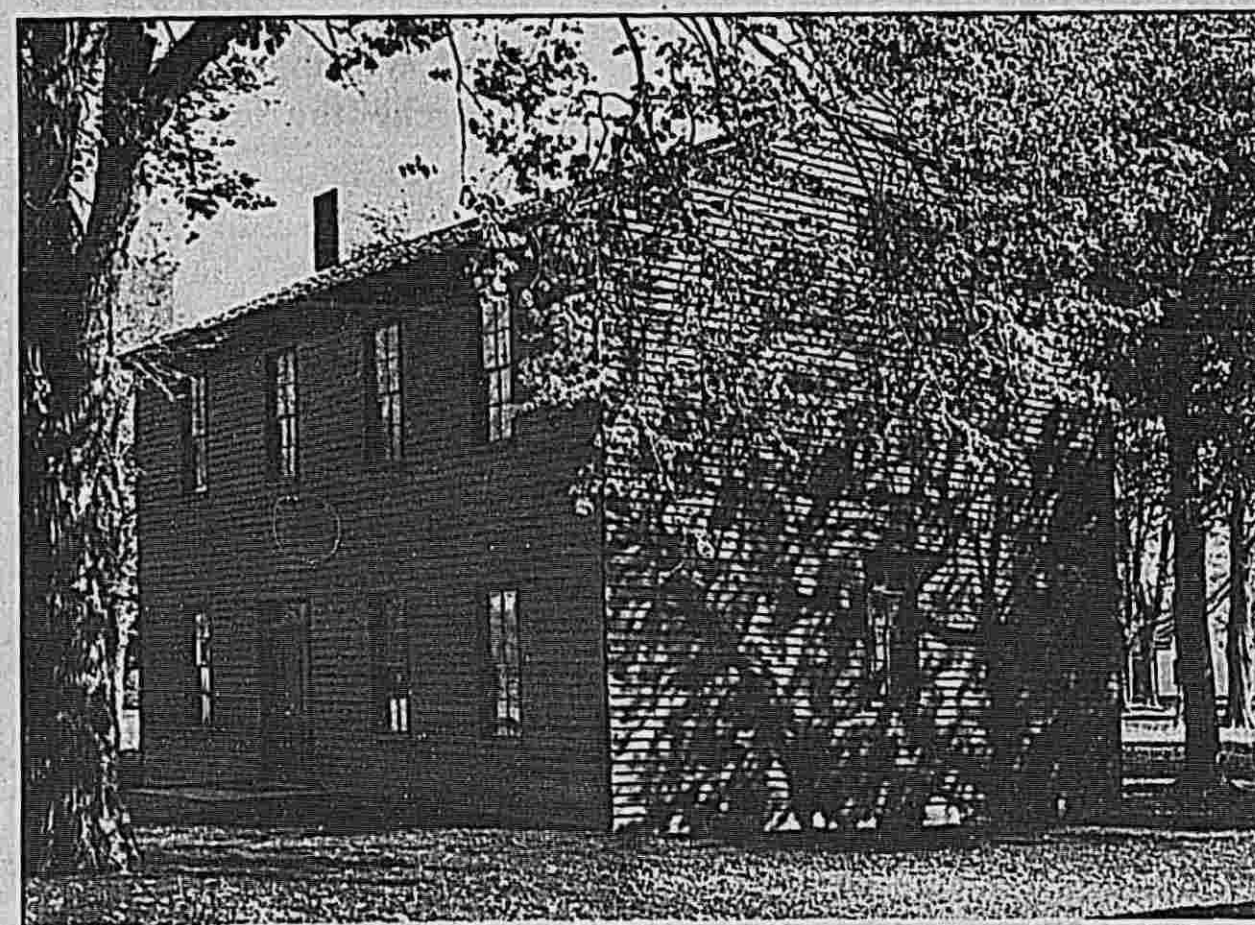
Lincoln wrote his friend Joshua Speed in 1855:

"In 1841 you and I had together a tedious low-water trip on a steam boat from Louisville to the mouth of the Ohio there were, on board, ten or a dozen slaves, shackled together with irons. That sight was a continual torment to me; and I see something like it every time I touch the Ohio, or any other slave-border."

In his first Illinois Supreme Court case (1841), Lincoln appealed a slavery decision at the Tremont (Tazewell County) courthouse.

In 1836 David Bailey had given Nathan Cromwell a promissory note to buy a black female servant named Nance, expecting Cromwell to provide proof the woman was a slave.

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The original Logan County Courthouse was moved from Postville to Dearborn, Mich., part of the Greenfield Village.

(Courtesy Henry Ford Museum)



Visitors are surprised by the small size of the courthouse in Decatur, where Lincoln argued early cases.

(Courtesy Macon County Courthouse)

IRA inheritance trust

by Kenneth Bloom

For many taxpayers, an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) is one of the smartest and safest ways to save for retirement. Its primary benefit is the ability to defer income taxes. Contributions to qualified IRAs can be invested tax-free, deferring taxation on this money until its eventual distribution.

An IRA also provides the taxpayer with an excellent way to accumulate and preserve wealth. For some, this account assures the taxpayer the security of a steady income stream in the retirement years, while in many states, including Illinois, the assets in the IRA are protected from creditors.

When leaving an IRA to heirs, the taxpayer may intend for beneficiaries to be provided with the same security and wealth accumulation and preservation tools that were enjoyed by the taxpayer.

However, when an IRA is inherited pursuant to a simple beneficiary designation, an heir can withdraw from the IRA at will. These withdrawals will be subjected to immediate taxation (with the exception of certain distributions from Roth IRAs, which will not be covered by this article), defeating the primary purposes of establishing the IRA - tax deferral and wealth accumulation and preservation. These withdrawals are generally referred to as the "blow-out" of an IRA account.

Consequently, if an IRA owner wants his or her IRA to retain its tax deferral and wealth accumulation and preservation aspects after it has been inherited, the owner may consider leaving the IRA to a trust. By leaving the account to a trust, a designated trustee will have control over the IRA distributions and will do so in accordance with the intentions of the IRA owner.

A trust is usually critical when the beneficiary is a minor, a spendthrift, has special needs or is a substance abuser.

Until recently, most IRAs could be left in one of two types of trusts: an "accumulation trust" or a "conduit trust."

Accumulation trust

All IRAs require the taxpayer to begin taking "required minimum distributions" (RMDs) from the IRA by the "required beginning date" (RBD), which is April 1st of the year after the taxpayer attains age 70 1/2. The distribution amount is based on life expectancy tables and such distributions are taxable as income to the taxpayer, trust or beneficiary.

With an IRA left to an accumulation trust, any IRA distributions may be held in the trust instead of being paid to the beneficiary, giving the

trustee greater control of the retirement assets. For example, assume that Steve leaves his IRA to an accumulation trust naming Carla, a 25-year-old spendthrift, as the primary beneficiary. In an accumulation trust, Steve can be allowed to direct the trustee to retain all RMDs within the trust and only allow trust distributions to Carla for necessities (i.e. food, rent, medical, etc.). As an added benefit, the trust assets will also be protected from Carla's creditors, lawsuits, divorce or other third-party claims.

But note, however, two disadvantages to using an accumulation trust. One, the RMD is based on the oldest named beneficiary. Therefore, if Matthew is a 72-year-old contingent beneficiary to Steve's trust, under the rules of an accumulation trust, the RMD to all beneficiaries will be based on the life expectancy of Matthew. Since Matthew has a shorter life expectancy than Carla, the RMDs will be paid over a much shorter period of time and therefore will be much larger. These significant distributions are then immediately taxable to the trust, crippling the tax deferral power of the IRA.

The second disadvantage is that if the IRA income is trapped in the trust, the trust income will be taxed at the highest income tax bracket after only \$10,050 of income (for 2006). Note that if the distributions were made out of the trust to a married beneficiary filing jointly with his or her spouse, the top income tax rate would not be reached until after \$336,550 of income (for 2006).

Therefore, the benefit of an accumulation trust is providing the greatest asset protection, but it sacrifices the maximum tax deferral of the IRA, usually resulting in higher income taxes.

Conduit trust

An IRA can also be left to a "conduit trust." A conduit trust differs from an accumulation trust in that the RMD is required to be distributed to the beneficiary and cannot be held in the trust. The benefit of a conduit trust is that the RMDs are determined on each individual beneficiary's life expectancy. This allows the RMDs to be made over a longer period of time, which maximizes tax deferral over a "stretch out" period.

The disadvantage of a conduit trust, however, is that the retirement assets do not enjoy the same protection as in an accumulation trust. In a conduit

trust, the trustee is required to distribute at least the RMD amount to the beneficiary. Therefore, considering

our example, a trustee could maximize the "stretch out" of the RMDs, but would not be able to carry out Steve's intentions of establishing a trust that will provide Carla only with the funds necessary for her basic necessities.

Therefore, when considering whether to leave an IRA to a trust, a taxpayer formerly was forced to choose between greater asset protection (accumulation trust) or greater tax deferral (conduit trust).



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IRA inheritance trust

In 2005, a taxpayer received a favorable ruling from the IRS that allowed the taxpayer to leave his IRA to a trust that combined the best of both worlds - maximum asset protection and maximum tax deferral. This new kind of trust is called the "IRA inheritance trust." It can be converted from a conduit trust to an accumulation trust during the trust term.

The first step in establishing an IRA inheritance trust is the creation of individual sub-trusts. If more than one beneficiary is named, then separate sub-trusts must be established on the beneficiary designation form for each beneficiary. If individual sub-trusts are not created, then the RMD will be based on the oldest beneficiary, which, as discussed above, is the downfall of the accumulation trust.

However, by creating individual sub-trusts, the IRS has allowed each sub-trust to use the life expectancy of its beneficiary to determine the RMD, allowing for the maximum "stretch-out." At this point, the trust is properly characterized as a conduit trust. Tax deferral is maximized but asset protection is sacrificed.

The critical key to the IRA inheritance trust is the designation of a "trust protector," who must be unrelated by blood to the trust beneficiary. The trust protector has the power to change the designation of the trust from a conduit trust to an accumulation trust after the trust has been established.

Why would a trust protector convert? Examples might include cases where a beneficiary developed a drug addiction, was being sued or was simply making some very irresponsible decisions. An important limitation to this option is that the trust protector can only change the

designation of the trust once, and it must be done within nine months of the IRA owner's death.

This new trust, by providing a conversion option through the trust protector, provides the benefits of both the accumulation trust and the conduit trust based on the intentions of the IRA owner and the needs of the beneficiary. Although this trust provides the IRA owner with greater power to decide how the trust will be managed, it is important to consider this new technique in the context of the taxpayer's overall estate planning.

Even though the IRA inheritance trust can maximize both asset protection and tax deferral, other options may still be preferred. For example, if the anticipated beneficiaries are not young enough to ensure any substantial tax deferral or the IRA account balance is not large enough to justify the cost of establishing a qualified trust, then an IRA inheritance trust may not be the best answer. Since all trusts, whether accumulation, conduit or the new IRA inheritance trust, are complicated and require extremely careful drafting, it is critical to discuss these options with an attorney.

A caution

Finally, before jumping into an IRA inheritance trust, it is important to know that this new trust was approved by an IRS private letter ruling (PLR). Technically, a PLR only applies to the taxpayer who requested it. Thus, the PLR that approved the IRA inheritance trust did not approve it for all taxpayers.

However, in the event the IRS contests a trust similar to it, this PLR will lend support to a taxpayer in establishing a good-faith basis for taking a position similar to the one that the taxpayer used in establishing the IRA inheritance trust.

The only way to guarantee the IRS approval of your trust is to seek your own PLR. Since this process can be expensive, the cost of requesting a PLR must be considered relative to the size of the assets involved. So again, it is critical that a taxpayer seeking to establish an IRA inheritance trust seek the help of an experienced attorney. ■

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Low testosterone levels often overlooked

by Margaret Anne Schmidt

"I was 46, and for the whole of my adult life I'd been coping with challenges and setbacks by facing up to them and pushing myself to overcome them. All of a sudden, I found I couldn't do that anymore. I would miss a bus and burst into tears. I didn't know who I was or what was wrong."

This quote is from Andrew, who wishes to remain anonymous. He is describing the effects of a low level of the hormone testosterone, one of the so-called "male sex hormones." For this man, having his pituitary gland removed was the cause of the loss of normal testosterone levels, a condition known as hypogonadism. But for many other men, the passage of time is enough to make testosterone levels plummet and symptoms appear.

Testosterone is best known for its effect on embryos, turning them into males in the presence of the Y chromosome. In adolescence, it causes voices to deepen, hair to form on bodies and Adam's apples to enlarge. But it is needed throughout life by both males and females for many functions, such as maintaining healthy bones and muscles.

Low testosterone levels in men can cause or exacerbate a variety of health and emotional problems, including osteoporosis, muscle wasting, fatigue, decreased libido, erectile dysfunction, insomnia, memory impairment, low concentration, anxiety, irritability and depression.

"Hormones act as messengers to make a whole variety of events happen," says Paul Savage, M.D., chief medical officer at BodyLogicMD in Chicago. "The workings of the mind and body are interrelated."

BodyLogicMD is a national network of physicians that specializes in "bioidentical" hormone therapy, nutrition and fitness counseling for men and women.

"Bioidentical" means that a replacement hormone's molecules are exactly like your own, totally without modification in chemical structure," says Dr. Savage.

(Natural testosterone should not be confused with the synthetic anabolic steroids. When used for bodybuilding in high doses, these can cause health problems, he says.)

Numbers are high

According to the results of the Massachusetts Male Aging Study of 1,087 subjects, there were about 2.4 million 40- to 69-year-old men in 2004 with hypogonadism in the United States, and about 481,000 new cases occur every year.

The problem may be most common among the oldest men, especially those undergoing chemotherapy. As many as 30 percent of men older than 75 have below-normal

testosterone levels, according to doctors at the Mayo Clinic.

"Less than 5 percent of men with low testosterone levels are being treated with hormone replacement therapy," says Dr. Savage.

A man can be born with a low level of testosterone, says Dr. Savage. Or, his level can drop below normal gradually as he ages.

"At menopause, a woman's sex hormone levels drop 90 percent in 26 months," says Dr. Savage. "The related changes to her life are swift and dramatic, and we immediately

look for ways to help out chemically for a period of time. But men's hormone levels drop more slowly — 1 percent to 2 percent a year starting at age 25."

Thus, a man may never recognize that he has a problem, or he may erroneously attribute his symptoms to normal aging.

"There's nothing normal or healthy about having a low testosterone level," says Dr. Savage. "In fact, it predisposes a man to heart disease, obesity, diabetes and a host of other problems."

Testosterone helps people build muscle mass. As testosterone levels drop, muscle mass diminishes. All tissue becomes less responsive to insulin, and insulin levels rise. Increased insulin levels are associated with thickening and hardening of the arteries, as well as fat deposits, especially around the midsection. This "insulin resistance" and fat distribution are linked with increased risk of heart attack.

Symptoms interrelated

"Men come to me complaining of one of three common symptoms, and they may not suspect low testosterone as the cause," says Dr. Savage. "Some men are worried about libido and erectile dysfunction. Others, about body shape, creeping weight and loss of muscle mass. And some report that they just aren't mentally alert any more."

A considerable body of research now shows that testosterone replacement therapy helps with each of these problems.

If a man suspects he has testosterone deficiency and asks for help, he may find that the family doctor does not go along with the idea that the deficiency ought to be treated.

Although the male sex hormone was first isolated in 1935, hormone-replacement therapy is an area of medicine that many doctors know little about.

Today, though, endocrinologists and doctors who practice so-called "anti-aging medicine" are becoming more familiar with the needs of hormone-deficient patients and more willing to treat them with replacement therapy.

The diagnosis of testosterone deficiency depends upon two considerations: one, the severity of your

symptoms; and two, a comparison of your testosterone level to that considered normal for your age group.

"I don't like to rely on numbers alone because men's bodies differ considerably in terms of how efficiently they process the circulating testosterone," says Dr. Savage. "A man can test in the normal range for testosterone but still have symptoms of deficiency that need treatment."

When total circulating testosterone is measured, a healthy adult male has about 300 to 1,000 nanograms of testosterone per deciliter of blood plasma, he says. (In a teenage boy, the level may be 2,200 nanograms or more.) However, only a small percentage of the total is free (nonprotein bound) and available for use by the cells.

Therefore, a test of free or unbound testosterone is being used more frequently these days for diagnosis. Normal ranges are 35-194 pg/ml.

However, with both tests there is some disagreement about what range actually constitutes "normal."

Treatment gains favor

Use of testosterone replacement drugs indicates that many men benefit from replacement therapy. Sales rose 1,700 percent between 1994 and 2001.

The safest and most effective treatments use the relatively new medications made with a chemical called U.S.P.-grade testosterone, says Dr. Savage. The initials U.S.P. indicate that the chemical is certified for the United States Pharmacopoeia, a list of drugs regulated by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

The chemical itself can be extracted from soy, wild Mexican yams and other plants. It is available to pharmacists to be com-

pounded in various dosages and forms prescribed by physicians.

Many men prefer the gel form of USP-grade testosterone. It can be applied to the upper arms, back, abdomen or thighs to provide continuous delivery of the hormone. The gel form is quickly replacing older testosterone pills, which can pose a health risk.

"Sex hormones in pill form are metabolized by the stomach and liver, where they carry some slight risk of concentrating the red blood cells and causing clots," says Dr. Savage. "Hormones in gel form are absorbed directly into the bloodstream, bypassing the digestive system. They are safe when used in therapeutic doses."

Although testosterone replacement can be indicated for low testosterone if you are an otherwise healthy aging male, the hormone should not be administered with the intent of reversing the aging process or improving athletic performance in a man with a normal testosterone level, says Dr. Savage.

Cancer concerns

"There's a myth that testosterone replacement causes prostate cancer," says Dr. Savage.

In fact, results of a study recently published in *"The New England Journal of Medicine"* found no evidence of causation after following 461 men up to three years. Shorter-term studies on smaller groups of men have reached similar conclusions.

However, some prostate cancer is testosterone-dependant, and replacement therapy could make existing tumors grow more quickly. The result is that endocrinologists keep close watch over men receiving hormone replacement therapy.

In fact, a man's evaluation before hormone replacement begins will include a detailed family history and painstaking health examination.

"We start by pinpointing the exact cause of your low testosterone level," says Dr. Savage. "If it's something specific that can be corrected without replacement therapy, that's the course we take."

Low testosterone levels can be caused by chronic illnesses such as testicular disorders, diabetes, cardiovascular disease, HIV, pituitary disorders, lung cancer, prostate disease or alcoholism, he says. Hypogonadism can also be associated with chronic use of certain medications, such as opioid painkillers and anticonvulsant drugs.

Duration of replacement therapy is generally limited — until underlying causes can be brought under control. However, men with chronic low testosterone may want to consider lifelong supplementation. ■



Paul Savage

Balls of fire

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The asteroid crater lies in the Wilkes Land region of East Antarctica south of Australia. The area where the great ball of fire touched down is 300 miles in diameter — large enough for the entire state of Ohio to be plopped down inside. The surrounding impact basin is probably much larger.

"The impact would have been so great that it could have begun the breakup of the Gondwana supercontinent by creating the tectonic rift that pushed Australia northward," says Dr. von Frese, a professor of geological sciences at Ohio State. He and post-doctoral researcher Laramie Potts led the team that discovered the crater in collaboration with other Ohio State and NASA scientists, as well as international partners from Russia and Korea.

Dr. von Frese was able to recognize the wound on the Earth's surface as an area of asteroid impact because he is an expert at identifying such sites on the moon.

"It's characterized by a 'mascon,' a place where a plug of the earth's mantle material has risen up into the crust," he says. In planetary terms, a mascon is the equivalent of a bump on the head.

"On the moon, you can look at craters, and the mascons are still there. But on Earth, it's unusual to find mascons because the planet is geologically active. The interior eventually recovers and the mascon goes away."

Immediately after the Wilkes Land impact, a trillion tons of gas, ash and rock dust probably were ejected into the atmosphere, causing dangerous global warming, speculate the Ohio State scientists. The resulting ozone depletion would have killed most oxygen-dependant life. Analysis of the ratios of carbon and boron in the fossil record has, indeed, provided evidence of increased levels of atmospheric carbon dioxide.

The debris fell back downwards to Earth like billions of burning balls in a giant display of fireworks, igniting forest fires wherever there were trees. The planet was enveloped in vast, thick clouds of smoke and soot, which, some researchers believe, destroyed its life-giving qualities for thousands of years.

The clouds of debris probably shut down photosynthesis, and blocked the sun long enough to eventually cause major global cooling.

"All the environmental changes that would have resulted from the impact would have created a highly caustic environment that was really hard to endure," says Dr. von Frese. "So it

makes sense that a lot of life went extinct at that time. It may have taken hundreds of thousands of years, or several million years, but the environment turned sour."

Much larger than the impact that killed the dinosaurs, this monstrous cataclysm made it possible for dinosaurs to eventually rise to prominence since competitors of the primitive lizards had been killed off, he says.

In fact, both the ancestors of the dinosaurs and the ancestors of human beings made it through the Wilkes Land cataclysm, some 250 million years ago.

It was another disaster altogether that is thought to have wiped out the dinosaurs some 65 million years ago. An asteroid landing in the sea near Mexico's Yucatan peninsula at a site called Chicxulub caused giant tsunamis in both the Atlantic and Pacific oceans. The emission of dust and rock is thought to have covered the earth with a cloud of dust for several years.

At the Wilkes Land site in East Antarctica, scientists are hoping someday to dig beneath the ice and examine the asteroid's rocky deposits there. Others want to know how and why the ancestors of today's living creatures were able to survive the disaster — and how we can save ourselves from extinction when another cataclysm occurs. ■

Wildlife

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- Install motion-sensitive lighting around the house.
- Trim ground level shrubbery to reduce hiding places.
- Put away bird feeders at night, and do not leave pet food outside.

The first coyotes came from rural areas where they were once hunted and trapped, says Dr. Gehrt, and therefore developed a natural wariness of people. As trapping subsided, a few coyotes began making their way to urban centers, he believes.

"Once you get a few animals established and they have litters, then you have a generation of coyotes more familiar with people," he

says. The coyotes seen around the Chicago area these days are home-grown in the urban environment, as will be their litters.

Dr. Gehrt says that people have to show common sense, staying away from injured or sick animals and allowing them space to take off.

In a confrontation with a coyote, human beings should display "dominance" — yelling, stamping feet

and throwing stones, Dr. Gehrt advises. "Coyotes would rather go out and get food of their own," he says. "It's almost exactly what you see in the country. They eat lots of mice, lots of rodents. They eat rabbits, they have plenty of fruit during the summer. Because they're opportunistic, they eat other things," including deer road-kill. ■

Lincoln

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When Cromwell died, the administrators of his estate sued, demanding payment on the note. Bailey refused, maintaining that Cromwell had voided the contract by failing to provide proof of the woman's servitude. And the slave had gone off to live as a free woman.

Lincoln argued that the Ordinance of 1787, which prohibited slavery originating in Illinois, meant that the woman must be presumed free unless it could be proved that her slavery had originated in another state. (Under previous rule of law a black person would have been presumed a slave unless he or she produced proof of freedom.)

The judge held with Lincoln, who went on to argue more than 300 cases before the Illinois Supreme Court.

Taylorville (Christian County) was usually the last stop on the Eighth Circuit before Lincoln headed back to Springfield.

In Taylorville Lincoln tried to argue a case from an ecologist's point of view in 1850, and lost. His client was Horatio Vandever, who alleged that members of the Whitecraft family had cut down 60 trees on his property.

The law specified that anyone who cut down another's trees "without having first obtained permission so to do" would be fined as much as \$8 a tree (a sum above market value in those days). Accordingly, the jury found for Vandever.

The defendants' attorney appealed the decision to the Illinois Supreme Court, alleging that in court Lincoln had failed to state that the defendants had felled the trees "without permission," voiding the argument. In fact, said the attorney, the men had thought that they were on their own land and therefore did not owe the sum of money demanded.

On appeal Lincoln sidestepped the question of his technical error and argued for strict enforcement of the law in order to stop timber trespassing. He lost the case, but still obtained a reasonable sum in reparations for his client.

Folks in Taylorville today are likely to remember another story. Once when court proceedings were repeatedly interrupted by the sound of pigs rooting for food under the courthouse, Lincoln jokingly asked the judge to issue a "writ of quietus" to put the offending pigs on notice that they were disturbing the peace. As a reminder, Taylorville has erected a statue of Abe Lincoln quieting the pigs. ■

Fort Dearborn

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ter," note Msrs. Kogan and Wendt. "Maddened warriors still were scalping victims, dispatching wounded."

The "Fort Dearborn Massacre" entered the mythology of the city of Chicago. "The day at last ended," add Kogan and Wendt. "In ten minutes of action, 26 of the 55 soldiers had been slain, all 12 of the militia died, and two women and 12 children were brutally murdered." Forty-five of the 95 who had left the fort that morning survived, and half of those reportedly died later at the hands of the Indians.

Though seriously wounded, Capt. Heald's wife survived. The fort, however, went up in flames, fired by the Indian attackers on the evening of the massacre.

The second fort

"Peace came in 1815, but the terror of 1812 remained fixed in the minds of the survivors," note Harold M. Mayer and Richard C. Wade in their book, "Chicago: Growth of a Metropolis." "Indeed, throughout the west a general demand grew for better protection on the frontier.

"The federal government responded with a chain of forts. A new Fort Dearborn became the Chicago anchor in the system in 1816. Built on



The wife of the Fort Dearborn commander defends herself in the "battle of the wagons."

(Courtesy Chicago Public Library)

nearly the same site as its predecessor, it stood until 1857."

Chicago could not forget the massacre. Nor could other Americans living in Indian country. "Subsequently, newspaper accounts from survivors spread terror across the frontier," writes Charles E. Cleland in "Rites of Conquest: The History and Culture of Michigan's Native Americans."

The event may even have left a spectral legacy. "Semi-transparent figures of people dressed in pioneer clothing and military uniforms," writes ghost-hunter Troy Taylor in his book, "Ghosts of the Prairie," "were [later] seen wandering in a field just north of 16th Street.

"Many of them looked very frightened or were screaming in silence." ■

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HealthBriefs

by Ron Koziol

Flu protection

Giving older Americans a higher dose of the flu vaccine could be a simple way to provide extra protection against the annual virus.

This conclusion was reached by a team of researchers from Baylor University College of Medicine in Houston, Texas, in a study funded by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID).

"The study results are important because they suggest that a higher dose of seasonal influenza vaccine can safely and significantly increase the immune responses of older people," says Elias A. Zerhouni, M.D., director of the National Institutes of Health.

The scientists, led by Wendy Keitel, M.D., of Baylor, say they believe that older people could be given the higher doses safely, increasing the antibody response and providing more protection against the flu without added side effects. In the study, volunteers, averaging 72.4 years of age, were

divided into groups that received the normal dose of vaccine, 15 micrograms; double the normal dose, 30 micrograms; or four times the normal dose, 60 micrograms.

Higher doses of the vaccine were found to increase the antibodies associated with protection against the flu, according to the researchers. There were no significant differences in symptoms, such as fever or body aches among the volunteers.

"Older Americans are among the most vulnerable to serious complications of influenza because they generally have more underlying diseases and weaker immune systems than younger people," says Andrew S. Fauci, M.D., director of NIAID. "These findings are an important first step in developing new strategies to better protect older people against influenza-associated hospitalizations and mortality."

Alcohol benefits

Women 65 and over who drink a moderate amount of alcohol have slightly higher levels of mental functioning than non-drinkers.

This is the conclusion reached in a study by researchers from the Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center in Winston-Salem, N.C. The study involved 7,460 older women, who were not restricted from alcohol for medical reasons.

The study also finds that women who report drinking as much as two or three drinks a day perform better on tests of concentration, language, memory and abstract reasoning.

Women who report having one drink a day do better on vocabulary and on a word fluency test asking them to come up with a list of words beginning with a specific letter.

But until scientists learn more, women should not change their drinking patterns, according to Mark Espeland, Ph.D., lead author of the study and a professor of public health at the center. "Until we better understand the reasons why alcohol consumption is associated with better cognitive functioning, these results on their own are not a reason for people who do not drink to start, or for those who drink to increase their intake," he says.

The researchers cite previous studies indicating that moderate levels of alcohol reduce the risk of dementia.

"While evidence is growing that alcohol is beneficial in this area, it is unclear whether alcohol intake or another defining characteristic is the reason for reduced risk," says Dr. Espeland.

Sinusitis help

People who suffer from sinusitis, with symptoms of headache, congestion and fatigue, are often relieved with painful and bloody operations. But now they may opt for the Balloon Sinuplasty System. Inserted in a surgery-free procedure, a small, flexible balloon catheter is threaded through the nostrils to the blocked sinus passageways. When the balloon is inflated, it gently opens the obstructed passageway and restores normal sinus and function.

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Macular degeneration

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those affected by this disease, helping them to regain the ability to participate in everyday activities

such as reading and driving," says Dr. von Eschenbach.

In clinical trials, nearly 95 percent of participants who received a monthly injection maintained their vision at 12 months compared to approximately 60 percent of patients who

received the control treatment.

Approximately one-third of patients in these trials had improved vision at 12 months. In a single study carried out for 24 months, these findings have been maintained with continued monthly dosing.

Consumer Corner

This periodic "LifeTimes" report helps you fully understand specific features of HCSC products and services.

Now, better, faster IVR customer phone service

Do you wonder if your Blue Cross and Blue Shield payment has been posted or want to know when you should expect your next bill? Perhaps you've lost your ID card and need another. Maybe you would like someone else (a family member?) to handle your health insurance matters.

You can deal with all these matters and more with the new interactive voice response (IVR) system at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois. (And of course, if at any time you want to talk to a customer service representative, you can do that, too, as has always been true.)

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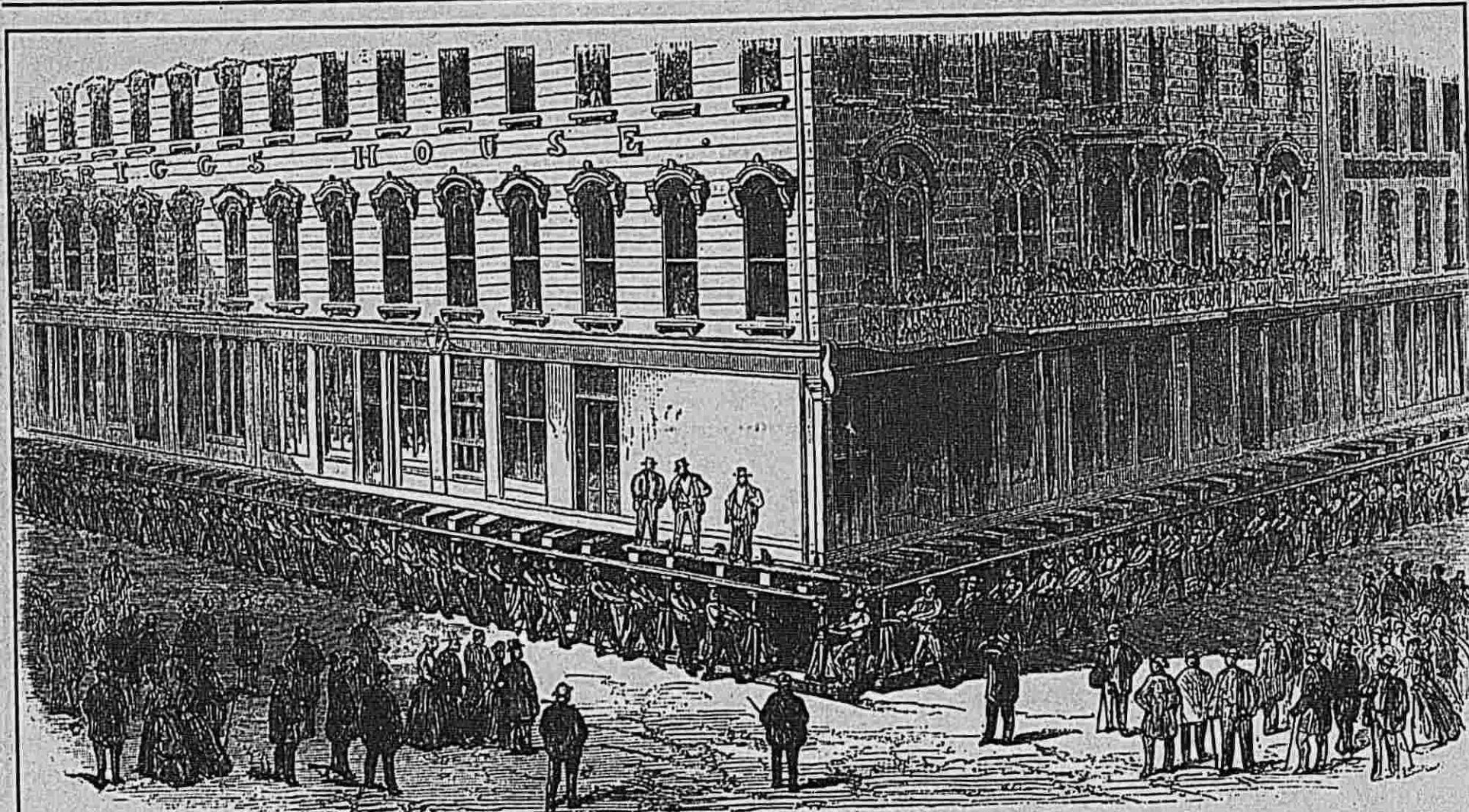
Teeth re-grown with ultrasound

Commercial application is still a few years away, but a team of Canadian researchers at the University of Alberta has devised a tiny "ultrasound transducer" to help restore cracked teeth roots and eventually, they expect, to grow teeth above the gum line.

Tarak El-Bialy, M.D., of the school's medicine and dentistry faculty, along with Jie Chen and Ying Tsui from the engineering faculty, collaborated on the idea. It began when Dr. El-Bialy noticed ultrasound creates new dental tissue in rabbits. He wanted to test the approach in human beings, but needed engineering expertise of his colleagues to come up with the so-called "miniaturized system-on-a-chip" that fits comfortably in a patient's mouth.

"If the root is broken, it can now be fixed," says Dr. El-Bialy. "And because we can re-grow the tooth root, a patient could have his own tooth rather than foreign objects in his mouth."

The most likely initial use of the chip will be countering the ill effects on dental tissue by disease or braces, the researchers say.



This 1857 drawing shows Briggs Hotel being raised from the mud on elaborate jack system.

(Images courtesy Chicago Historical Society)

Raised from mud, Chicago stuck with crime

by Tom Laue

Chicago history buffs are likely to know that in the mid-19th century the city was lifted 10 feet out of the mud.

It was accomplished by slowly jacking up buildings, one small turn at a time, for 10 years. This ingenious approach turned Chicago's once-soggy downtown into a viable business district. This was uplifting, literally and economically.

Less well known: The resulting "underworld" of catacomb-like earthworks and wooden shanties under the city center also provided a perfect haven for a seedy breed of street gangs, brothels, saloons, gambling dens and cheap boarding houses. Chicago civic leaders were appalled to see fellow human beings sink so low, right below their feet.

Yet, there seemed little they could do to stem this growing tide of subterranean crime and round-the-clock bawdiness.

After all, Chicago had always harbored such sinners to some degree, and the city had precious few police

to contend with this sprawling colony of con artists, pimps, pickpockets, prostitutes, thieves, thugs and drunks.

And so, until the great Chicago Fire of 1871 largely destroyed this underground network of raunchy criminality, the "under" and "upper" worlds co-existed, one with dignity and grace above the sidewalk, the other with perverse and lusty interests below.

Roger Plant role

An English immigrant who had made his living as a boxer, Roger Plant set up shop at the entrance to Chicago's underworld. His two-story building, dubbed "Under the Willows," boasted ground-floor betting and drinking at all hours; one floor above, about 200 prostitutes plied their wares.

A particularly unseemly feature of Plant's and other prostitution rings was the source of many of the youngest women — sexual slavery. In a graphic account in his book "The Outfit," Gus Russo writes, "In this dungeon-like world, girls as young as 14 or 15 were forced into 'the life'" — a euphemism for prostitution.

"In standard operating procedure,"

continues Mr. Russo, "so-called 'ropers' scoured the country for victims who could be lured to Chicago with promises of a big payday. Upon arrival, however, these girls were raped and otherwise terrorized into submission."

Why didn't the police do something about these travesties? In 1850, Chicago's population had zoomed to 80,000 people, and its rapid growth showed no signs of slowing. Against the lawlessness that flourished in early Chicago labored just nine "city watch marshals." An actual police force was not established until five years later.

First crime lord

The genesis of true organized crime in Chicago occurred in the 1870s. This is when Michael Cassius McDonald saw and seized upon the value of rigging matters to his own benefit via payoffs to local politicians. He owned a tavern at Clark and Monroe (the Store) in the "Hair-Trigger Block." It flourished as the city's largest gambling and liquor house.

But it also ran afoul of reform efforts pushed by Mayor Joseph Medill, including attempts to close down all taverns on Sundays and shutter gambling dens altogether. To counter Medill and other reformers, McDonald had organized fellow ne'er-do-wells under the "McDonald's Democrats" banner. The group actually managed to elect a mayor sympathetic to him (Carter Harrison) in 1879.

To pay McDonald and his boys back, the city administration turned a blind eye to his extensive and exclu-

sive bookmaking racket throughout Chicago and the state of Indiana.

This inaugural tie between gamblers and Chicago's political structure became embedded in the eight years Harrison was mayor.

Thus, when Michael McDonald died in 1907, the gambling empire he started did not pass on with him. Instead, it took a step in a different political direction. Now, gambling interests in Chicago's downtown ward were controlled by its two aldermen — Michael Kenna and John Coughlin, who had belonged to "McDonald's Democrats" in earlier days.

Flushed by fire

But let's go back now to the literal Chicago "underworld" spawned by the raising of the city's downtown out of the mud. What happened to it? The great Chicago fire of 1871 finally marked its end. Nearly every wooden structure that concealed the illicit activities below the city sidewalks was destroyed.

As Mr. Russo describes it in "The Outfit," the underworld denizens scurried forth "like a pack of rats. The con men, scalawags, hoodlums and whores descended on the smoking ruins, looting anything that had not turned to cinders."

This prompted clergy to declare Chicago the object of God's wrath, not nature's. It was being punished for its wicked ways rather than suffering from a drought-fueled conflagration, they said.

But if God intended harm to Chicago as retribution for all the "evil" conducted for several decades below street level, it would be impossible to tell just three years later exactly how Chicago had suffered.

Thanks to the fire, Chicago seized the opportunity to rebuild (this time with stone and brick) and become one of the world's modern metropolises.

Chicago was now poised to become one of the nation's most profitable economic centers, and it soon boasted some of the first skyscrapers erected with these profits.

And the Chicago gangs? They, too, were transformed. From then on, those operating outside the law did so more and more in business suits and ties. They had just as great an effect on the city as their "underworld" predecessors, and in many ways were more terrifying (picture shop owners paying the mobsters "protection money" when all they had to fear was the mob itself if they didn't pay up).

But now, unless you knew exactly who they were, you could no longer distinguish the criminal element from the respectable business



Reform Mayor Joseph Medill



Gambler Mike McDonald was first to organize criminals and influence Chicago officials via politics.

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NU women star in college sports

by Tom Laue

Too often, Northwestern University (NU) and college athletic success have not gone well together. So lackluster have NU teams typically been, some even say they shouldn't try to compete in a Big Ten conference boasting powerhouses like Ohio State and Michigan. But lately, NU women's teams have been doing a lot to change their school's reputation.

First, the lacrosse team won a second straight national title in May by defeating Dartmouth 7-4 in the NCAA championship game in Boston. Because the 2006 NU squad had just three seniors and four freshmen on its 12-player starting roster, talk of a third straight title next year isn't just wishful thinking. But for now, coach Kelly Amonte Hiller is just savoring the season just ended.

The Wildcats were 20-1 this year, didn't lose in 2005 and have lost just three times in the last 58 games. In the 25-year history of NCAA women's lacrosse, Northwestern is just the third school to boast repeat championship seasons.

"It's an awesome accomplishment," says Amonte Hiller, now in the final year of her five-year contract. "And I think we have the potential to keep it rolling."

A big hero in both the semi-finals with Duke and the championship against Dartmouth was

fifth-year NU senior Sarah Albrecht of Braintree, Mass. "I just wanted to do so much," she told reporters. "I was willing to go to any limit."

Tennis, softball success

Meanwhile, two other women's teams tasted considerable success this spring. In tennis, the duo of Cristelle Grier of England and Alexis Prousis of Lake Forest went into the NCAA doubles championship unseeded, but walked away in late May with the title by defeating seventh-ranked Fresno State, 6-4, 6-1.

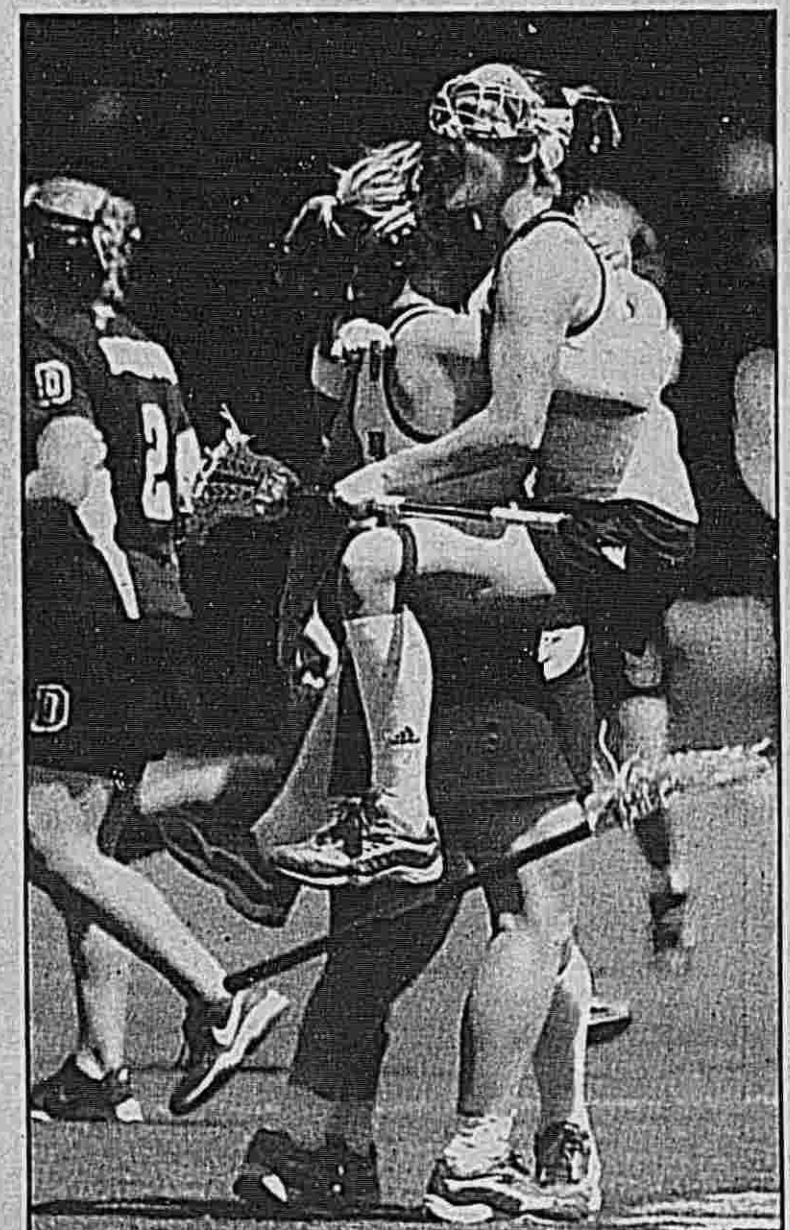
It was a feat last achieved by NU women in tennis when Katrina Adams and Diane Donnelly took the doubles title in 1987.

Coach Claire Pollard credits Grier and Prousis with "stepping up in a big way" and scouting Fresno State effectively in the semi-finals.

Finally, the women's softball team made it's first-ever appearance in the Women's College World Series in Oklahoma City. The club went into the series ranked fourth and played well enough to make it to the championship game before falling to Arizona.

This accomplishment brought the Wildcats the No. 2 ranking in the nation in both the "USA Today" and ESPN coaches' polls.

If women's teams at NU keep this up, springs on the Evanston campus will be exciting times for sports fans of all kinds. They might even start thinking "dynasties."



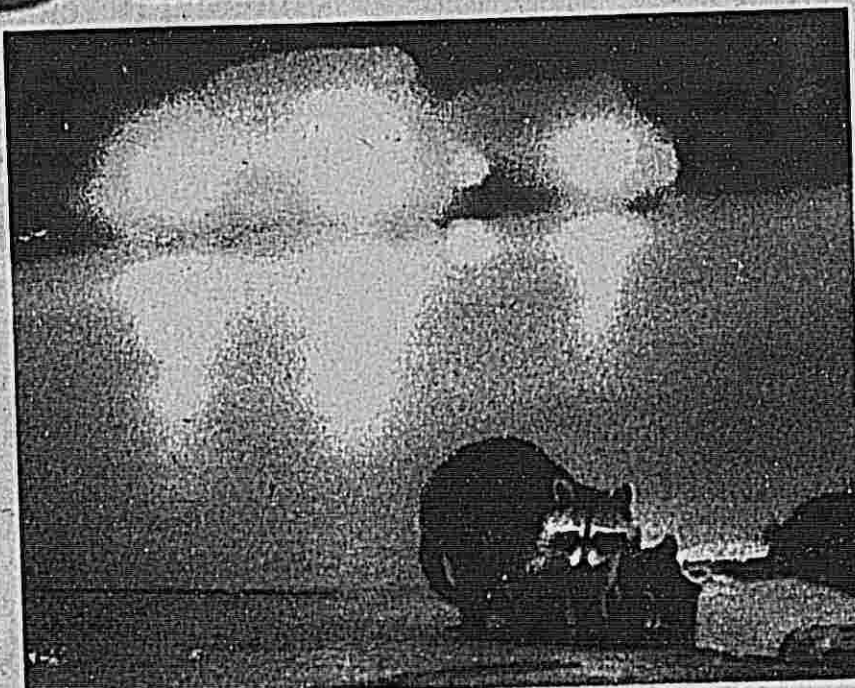
Jubilant NU women's lacrosse team members.
(Photo courtesy Northwestern University)

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It's hard to go wrong with orchids!

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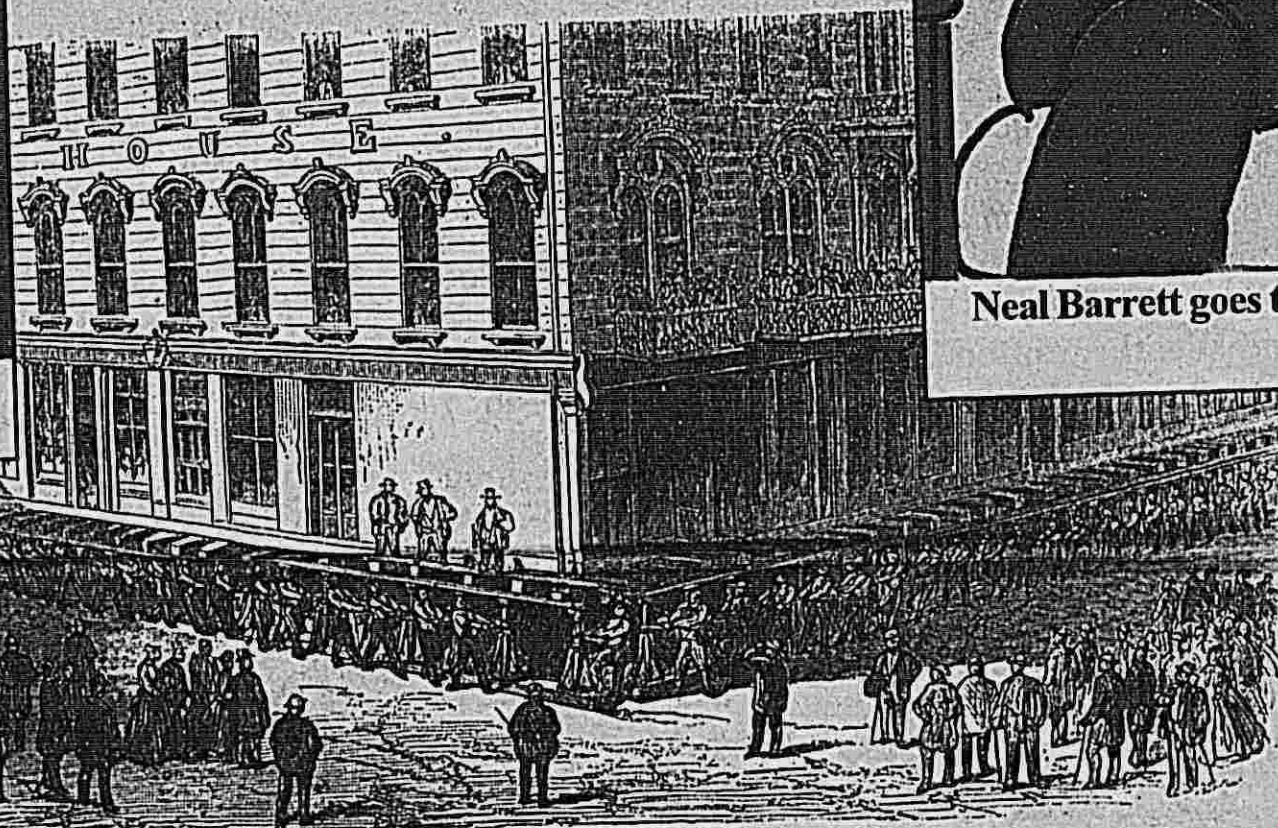


Be careful around 'urban wildlife!'

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When Chicago buildings were raised, 'under-world' thrived.

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Neal Barrett goes to a Saturday matinee.
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Reenactors bring Civil War history to life at the Metamora Courthouse Museum.

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Catch entertainer Geoffrey "Merlin" Akins, as he performs his "Bubble Wonders" bubble show on Saturday, Oct. 14, at the Barrington Area Library.

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Fascinating films

Weekly Journals reporter Matt Pera reviews the Chicago International Film Festival, and a list of upcoming films is provided.

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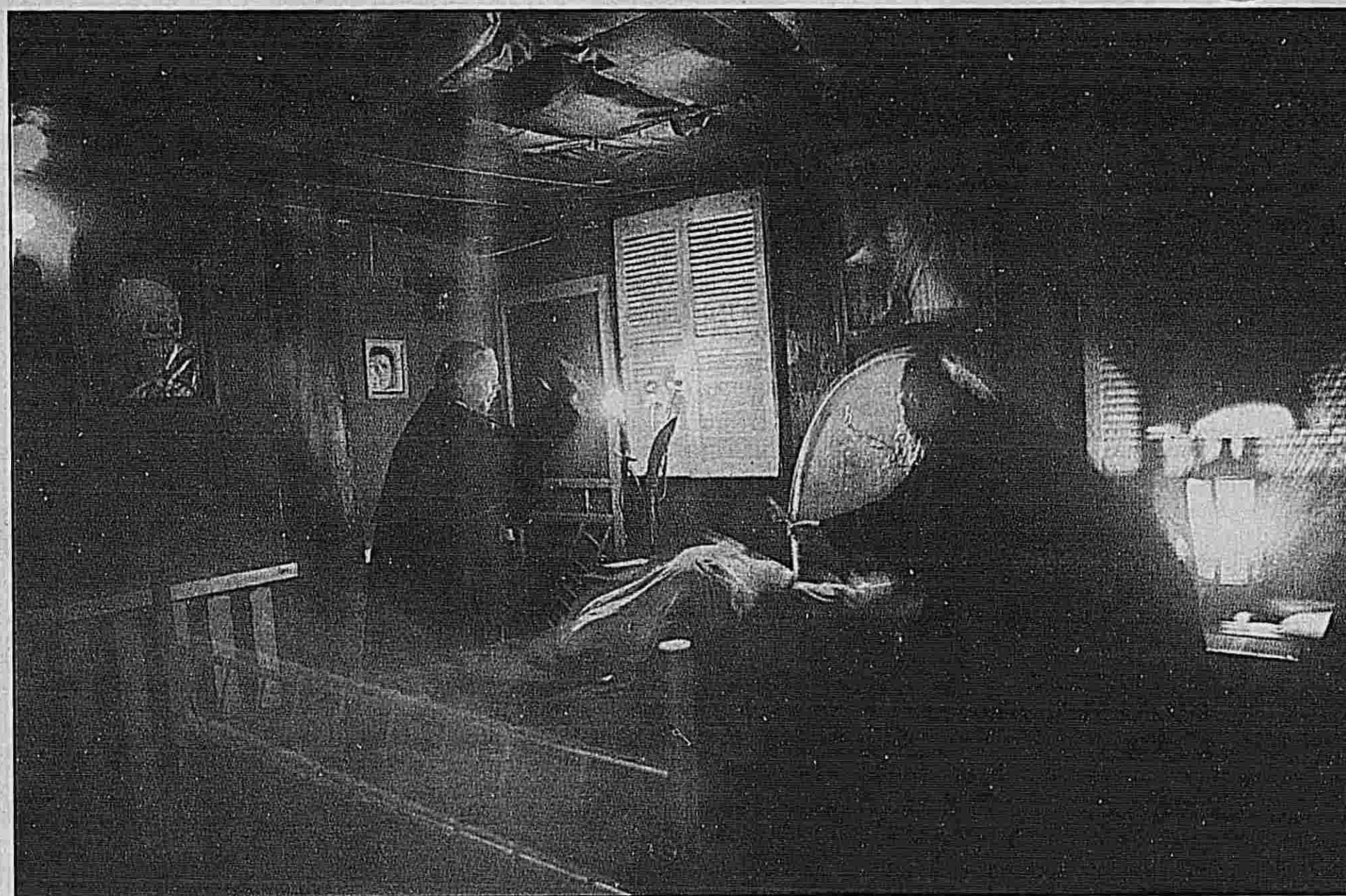
Mickey magic

Be sure to order tickets now for "Mickey's Magic Show," playing at the Rosemont and Star Plaza theaters.

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Halloween hauntings



Annie Christie - achristie@nwnewsgroup.com

The "ultimate exorcism room" at the Dungeon of Doom Haunted House in Grayslake is a favorite among thrill seekers. Above, Mark Webb and Frank Stallman act out a scary tale of possession. See page C2 for the story and for a listing of Lake County haunted houses.

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Behind the scenes of haunted house horror

By DANI SCHWEIGERT
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It is that time of year – when leaves change color and paint the ground with vibrant reds and yellows, when pumpkins appear to overflow the sidewalks and costume stores prepare for their busiest season – Halloween.

Many people celebrate this holiday by dressing up, watching scary movies and carving jack-o-lanterns, but some celebrate in a different way. Filled with distorting mirrors, chainsaws and special effects that leave participants gasping for air, haunted houses seem to have become a Halloween favorite.

But what goes into making a haunted house? And just how do organizers come up with so many frightening effects year after year?

"The first thing is location," owner of X-treme Haunting's Sayton Road Slaughterhouse John Vileta said. "After that, it's a lot of volunteers. The only way we were able to pull it off this year was with all the hard work from the volunteers."

That hard work included some late nights at the Fox Lake haunted house, many nights as late as 2 or 3 a.m. But those long hours were worth it, Vileta said, when he heard the first screams of the year.

"We're in the business of scaring the crap out of people," Vileta, who has been in the haunted house industry for 13 years, explained. "Most haunted houses are becoming more and more family oriented – we're going the opposite. We want the young adults and adults who say they never get scared. If they go through and they're not scared, then we didn't do our job, unless they're running, screaming or crying."

One of the volunteers helping to make sure those screams happen is Gordon Munsen, of Ingleside. Munsen has worked with Vileta for three years and built the walls and created artwork for the rooms in the slaughterhouse this year. He also occasionally grabs a mask and a costume to jump out and scare people walking through the haunted house.

"Every time is different," Munsen said. "Each crowd is a little different."

Munsen said he became involved with haunted houses because he enjoyed, "making people scream and have a good time."

Caretaker of the Dungeon of Doom Haunted House in Grayslake Peter Koklamanis shares Munsen's enthusiasm for creating horror-filled fun around Halloween and said the Dungeon of Doom has a unique way of scaring thrill seekers.

"We're in-your-face type of scare," Koklamanis said. "We use scenes that we have developed and engineered."

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We design [the rooms] as a production set versus just creating rooms with stationary props."

Those scenes include the "buried alive" and "ultimate exorcism" rooms. The "ultimate exorcism" room is controlled by more than 50 devices, which Koklamanis explained move shutters, windows and a bed.

The Dungeon of Doom has been open for 10 consecutive years, Koklamanis said, and will continue to be a terrifying haunted house throughout the month of October.

"It's just like why people like Santa Claus toward Christmas. [October] is the best time for the spirit of Halloween to come out because of the weather, the leaves, the wind and the full moon."

Koklamanis and Vileta promise haunted house fanatics that this year will be the scariest season ever.

"This year you're not only going to go through the attraction, you're going to see the attraction, you're going to feel the attraction, and you're going to smell the attraction," Vileta said. "We're getting all the senses."



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Lurking out of a dark hallway is Jason, played by Kelly Loftus, of McHenry, at the Dungeon of Doom Haunted House at the Lake County Fair Grounds in Grayslake.



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One of the exhibits at The Dungeon of Doom Haunted House at the Lake County Fair Grounds in Grayslake is the "ultimate exorcism room." More than 50 devices move the shutters, windows and a bed in the room.

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Moms need no second verse

Sometimes, I don't quite feel up to snuff as a mom.

I've realized that motherhood doesn't come with an inherent knowledge of all things that interest children.

I wish it did, because I really do want to have all answers to the never-ending questions my daughter seems to ask these days.

But I often find myself improvising as I search for the right answers.

When my daughter refused to climb her backyard slide because she saw bugs on the ladder, I told her the bugs won't hurt her.

"Why?"

"Because they're nice bugs."

"Why?"

"They're more afraid of you than you are of them."

"Why?"

"Because this is where they live."

"Why?"

"Bugs live outside."

"Why?"

"We wouldn't want them inside."

"Why?"

By this point in the conversation, I regretted having answered the first question.

I also don't always remember all the words to the songs my daughter wants to sing.

What else besides "bibbety bobbety boo" does Cinderella's Fairy Godmother sing while waving her magic wand? Something about a "thing-a-ma-jig"?

My mother, of course, can sing the entire song, so my daughter expects the same out of me.

And I never can remember what "momma's gonna buy" if "that diamond ring don't shine." So I end up going back to the beginning to buy that same old mockingbird again.

I used to make up my own words, but my daughter's gotten more savvy about many of

the songs. She knows when I'm not singing them quite right.

If it wasn't for those darn nursery rhyme books and those Sesame Street DVDs ...

The latest proof that I need some "mom work" occurred when I accompanied my daughter and her pre-school class to an apple picking farm and petting zoo.



Jami Kunzer

The apple picking went just fine. We took a wagon ride, learned all about the farm. My daughter absolutely loved it, and I loved being there to see her soak it all up.

Then we headed over to the petting zoo. That's when my lack of farm-animal knowledge shone through.

"Look at the ducks," I told

her as we approached some web-footed birds. "Quack, quack, quack. They're talking to us."

Well, apparently, it was more like, "Honk, honk, honk," because another parent walked up behind me and told her son all about the geese in front of us. And I honestly wouldn't know a llama if it bit me, well, anywhere. But other parents seemed to know all about the animals.

I'm just hoping the next time we sing "Old MacDonald," my daughter doesn't expect him to have llamas.

• Columnist Jami Kunzer is the mother of Summer, 2, and infant twins Anna and Lilly. She writes about the everyday challenges facing parents. You also can connect with Jami online Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday through her blog, which can be found at www.nwherald.com. Reach Jami at jkunzer@nwnewsgroup.com, or (815) 459-4122.

Bubble show ready to wow

BARRINGTON - Those who like bubbles will want to float over to Barrington this weekend.

Entertainer Geoffrey "Merlin" Akins will perform his "Bubble Wonders" bubble show at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 14, at the Barrington Area Library, 505 N. Northwest Highway.

Akins, 43, will wow audience members by performing a variety of tricks with ordinary soap bubbles. The bubble magician has more than 25 years experience as an entertainer and a teacher of regular and special education students. For the past five years, Akins has worked for the Special Education District of Lake County.

Akins has performed at the Bristol Renaissance Fair, the Museum of Science and Industry, Navy Pier, Six Flags Great America and other places.

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By Pam & George
Singleton



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WEEKLY JOURNALS

Friday, October 13, 2006



Photo provided

Helen Mirren plays Queen Elizabeth II in "The Queen," a film that takes an inside look at the royal family.

Long live the queen

By PAM and GEORGE SINGLETON
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"The Queen"

Director: Stephen Frears

Genre: Drama

Additional information: Miramax;
rated PG-13 for brief strong language;
running time is 97 minutes.

Scotland," currently in theaters, featuring an Oscar-worthy performance by Forest Whitaker, as Idi Amin.

"The Queen" focuses on the public and private media, as well as government relations between the queen and the new prime minister, Tony Blair, played with everyman charisma by Michael Sheen.

In the movie, the two are working toward a solution to their different views of life and governance. This is complicated by the none-too-subtle dislike that Blair's wife, Cherie (a delightful performance by Helen McCrory), has for the monarchy. She refers to them as, "freeloading, elitist nutters." When she is presented to the Queen, Cherie's half-hearted curtsy is priceless, but matched by Mirren's oh-so-subtle reaction to it.

When Diana dies, Queen Elizabeth II wants her funeral to be a small, private affair. After all, she was no longer married to Prince Charles (played with familiar ineffectual pallor by Alex Jennings).

Though Charles immediately wants to go to Paris and fly Diana back to England aboard the royal jet, the queen at first refuses, but she later relents.

The fresh air at Balmoral and hunting will do William and Harry good, according to the queen and Prince Philip, portrayed by James Cromwell, as a stickler for protocol.

Meanwhile, the people and the tabloids grow agitated as the royal family fails to acknowledge how deeply Diana was loved. They show no emotion or caring. Tony Blair, who is embraced by the media and the public, advises the queen to soften her approach to the people's loss.

And Queen Elizabeth II tells Blair that, one day, "... bad headlines might happen to you." Ironical, since that same populace now calls for Blair to step down.

This is one of the best pictures of the year. Don't miss it.

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Film festival offers movie lovers chance to experience a cinematic paradise

The magic of movies comes to Chicago theaters

By MATT PERA

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I fell in love with movies in 1984, after seeing Steven Spielberg's "E.T." for the first time.

For a lot of people my age who love film, I'm sure that was one of the movies that hooked them. When you're 4, sitting in a crowded auditorium munching popcorn, "E.T." has everything you could possibly want. Flying bikes, a kid with an alien for a best friend, humor, suspense, etc.

It was the first time I saw a movie in a theater, sat in the dark and got lost in a story on screen.

I was so enthralled with it that I made my parents take me to see it at least three times. From that point on, repeated viewings were the norm for me. And still are.

I saw Tim Burton's version of "Batman," with Jack Nicholson as The Joker, at least six times in the theater when I was 9 and have seen it multiple times since. Never get sick of it.

Same goes for "Pulp Fiction." After I saw Quentin Tarantino's classic in the theater in eighth grade, I memorized nearly every line in every scene and can probably come close to reciting the entire script.

I could go on and on listing movies and filmmakers I love and explain why they are so im-

portant to me.

So, when I had the opportunity to cover the Chicago International Film Festival this month, it was like telling a little kid he could roam an exotic candy store for two weeks straight and pick out anything he wanted.

Since I sat in that theater, hypnotized by the glow of E.T.'s index finger, movies have been one of my favorite forms of artistic expression. There is something about films that can draw you in and extract emotions. A well-done movie can hypnotize you for two hours, make you forget about everything else except what is happening on the screen.

And the best films, when they have ended, give you a new perspective with which to look at some aspect, or aspects, of life. They provide fodder for conversation, a jumping-off point from which to examine the most important details of what it means to be a human being.

Idealistic? Sure. But that doesn't make it any less true. It's the fundamental role of filmmaking at its most powerful. It's the fundamental role of any art form.

Unfortunately, the blockbuster mentality of Hollywood has become increasingly notorious for sacrificing the artistically genuine for the commercially successful.

The legendary Dustin Hoffman said as much on Oct. 5 during opening night of the film festival at the Chicago Theatre, where he received the festival's Lifetime Achievement Award for his nearly 40 years of work as an actor.

Hoffman noted the importance of festivals like this one as vital to continuing the tradition of great filmmaking, pointing out that the highest-quality movies are often independent of any studio restrictions or demands.

"I started in what is now considered the Golden Age, where it was film, before the blockbuster mentality," the 69-



Photo provided

The creators of "Renaissance" used cutting edge technology and blended genres to create Paris in the year 2054

Chicago International Film Festival movies preview

Friday, October 13:

"The Trials of Darryl Hunt:" This documentary chronicles the journey of a man who spent nearly 20 years in prison for a crime he did not commit, and the legal struggle to prove his innocence. Both a social justice story and a personal narrative, the film challenges the assumption that all Americans have the opportunity for unbiased justice. Hunt will be at the screening for a panel discussion.

"Change of Address:" "Change of Address" is a French film with a style reminiscent of Woody Allen comedy. David's life takes a complicated turn when he fosters a relationship with his quirky roommate, Anne, and his music student, Julia.

Saturday, October 14:

"Babel:" Brad Pitt, Cate Blanchett and Gael Garcia Bernal star in the third film in Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu's trilogy, which includes

"Amores Perros" and "21 Grams."

Events in Morocco, Japan, the U.S. and Mexico are linked because of a shooting incident. All three films are brilliant.

Sunday, October 15:

"No. 2:" Made in New Zealand, this film is a heartwarming tale of an extended family aiming to set aside lingering discord to please the aging matriarch, Ruby Dee. The movie also will be shown on Monday, Oct. 16.

"Climates:" From Turkey, each season makes an appearance, representing the shifting conditions of a pair of broken lovers.

Monday, October 16:

"Avenue Montaigne:" "Avenue Montaigne" is a French ensemble comedy that looks at whirlwind stories and characters connected by their links to Paris's chic Avenue Montaigne.

Wednesday, October 18:

"Jasmine Women:" Starring Zhang Ziyi and Joan Chen, this movie focuses on three generations of women who experience loss and love in harmoniously similar ways.

"Son of Man:" From South Africa, this tale discusses the conceivable life of a modern day Jesus Christ.

Note: Films are only shown one to three times, so buy tickets early to avoid hearing the words "sold out." This year's films screen at two of Chicago's top-rated movie houses, Landmark Century and AMC River East 21.

For details on the schedule of films, ticket prices and theater locations, visit www.chicagofilmfestival.com, or call (312) 332-FILM.

• Information provided by Movie Review Critics Pam and George Singleton

year-old actor said after receiving his award. "Indie films are really the definition of what festivals are all about. Without the film festival atmosphere, these films can't exist in a market atmosphere... [that pits] Commerce vs. Art."

Along with being honored for past work, Hoffman was in town to promote his new movie, "Stranger than Fiction," also starring Will Ferrell and Maggie Gyllenhaal, which debuted at the Chicago Theatre

after the award ceremony.

Hoffman's role in "Stranger than Fiction," a literary theorist helping Ferrell find the source of a mysterious narrator's voice, exemplifies how he has stayed true to himself over the years.

He has tackled a wide-range of roles, including the gimpy, street-hustling Ratso Rizzo in "Midnight Cowboy," the autistic Raymond Babbit in "Rain Man" and the villainous title role in "Hook," and he has been re-

warded with seven Academy Award nominations, of which he has won two.

During the red carpet portion of opening night, I managed to squeeze my way through the various cameraman and TV reporters up to Hoffman as he was wrapping up his final interview.

I introduced myself and was quickly scolded by his publicist.

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Pam and George Single review Director Steven Frears' new film, "The Queen," starring Helen Mirren as Queen Elizabeth II. —(see page C4)



Animals help bring a smile to local residents' faces

Last Tuesday was our regularly scheduled pet therapy night. During therapy night, volunteers with Animal Education and Rescue visit Manor Care nursing home in Libertyville with their pets, to bring joy to the residents. The night of pet therapy happens once a month.

I started the pet therapy program through my company, Pet Sitters of America, in 1992, when my grandmother was put in a nursing home.

Tuesday was an extremely busy day, and I must confess I was not looking forward to going. My writing projects were way overdue; I had to deal with some difficult clients; and my head hurt.

Regardless, I was committed, so I picked up 15-year-old volunteer Leah, with one of our foster dogs, a Chihuahua-mix named Molly, and we headed over to the nursing home.

We met up with a half a dozen other volunteers and their dogs in the lobby and headed up to the third floor. We split up and began going room to room with our pets.

Leah, Molly and I first went to Ruth's room. Ruth was a spunky woman, with orange-red hair and loud clothes. She was a life-long dog lover that had pictures of her dog all over her wall. Leah placed Molly on Ruth's bed, and as if she knew what her job was, Molly walked right up Ruth's chest and pro-

ceeded to lick her right on the lips. Ruth giggled, Leah and I laughed, and Molly wagged her stumpy tail and butt like a happy seal.

Our next stop was with



**Sandy Kamen
Wisniewski**

Pam, a woman in her late 40s who has a disabling neurological disorder that prohibits fluid mobility.

Molly was placed on Pam's lap.

Pam smiled

crookedly, with a sparkle in her eye, and she reached out to pet Molly.

Undeterred by the quick movements of Pam's arm, Molly put her front paws on Pam's chest and licked her chin. We asked Pam how she was feeling and she said, "OK."

During the hour we spent at Manor Care, I counted over 90 times people smiled. I heard giggling and laughing flowing out of rooms and social banter exchanged. My own stress disappeared, and I was reminded once again why I still do this after 13 years.

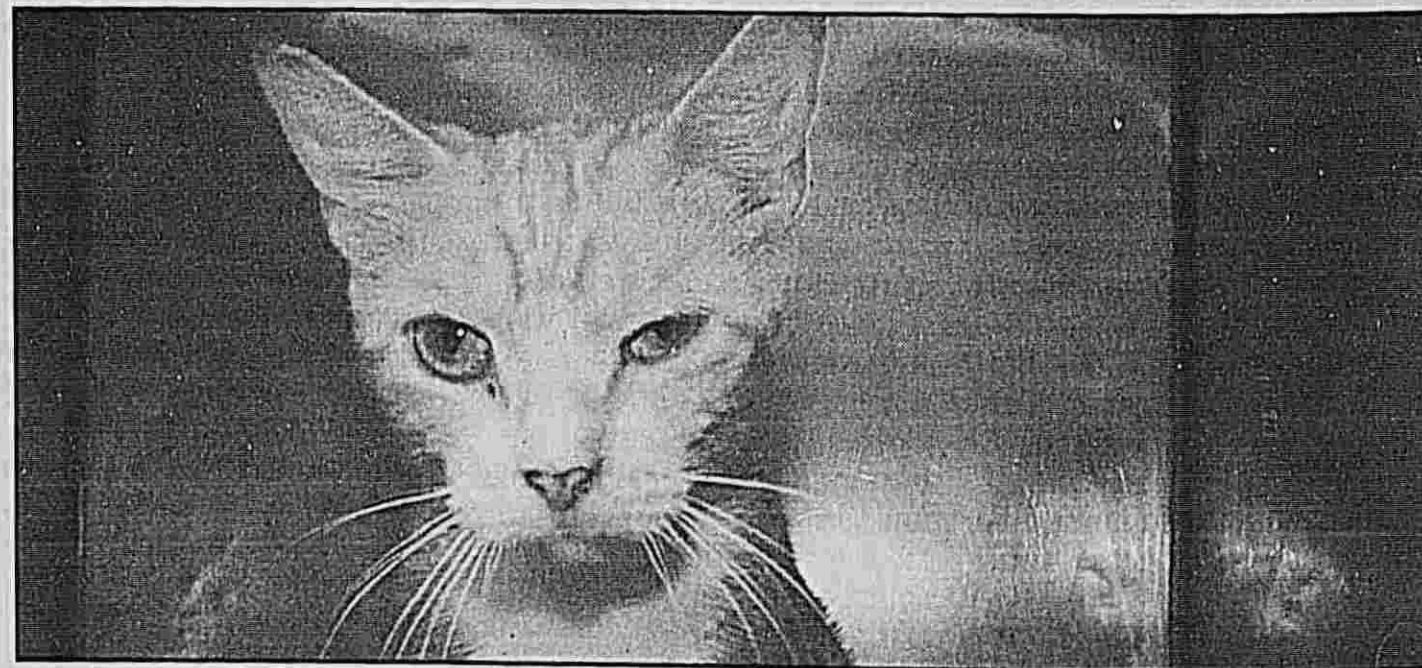
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(Above): Zelda is a tortoiseshell colored cat, about 1 1/2 years old, and is available for adoption.

(Below): Snickers is a 10-month-old kitten looking for a home. She is very petite, with bright orange stripes. For more information on these animals, call Animal Education and Rescue at (847) 816-0831.



Children's film festival to showcase value-filled movies

More than 200 movies from 44 countries to be shown during Chicago film festival

Imaginative and culturally diverse children's movies are coming to Chicago.

The Chicago International Children's Film Festival begins Thursday, Oct. 19, with an opening night gala.

Festival screenings will take place over two weekends, Oct. 21 to 22 and Oct. 28 to 29, at Facets Multi-Media (1517 W. Fullerton Ave., in Chicago), the Beverly Arts Center (2407 W. 111th St., in Chicago), the

Wilmette Theater (1122 Central Ave., in Wilmette) and the DuSable Museum (740 East 56th Place, in Chicago). More than 200 movies from 44 countries will be shown during the event.

Films will include Dream Work's first original character short, "First Flight," Disney's animated rendition of "The Little Match Girl" and the U.S. premier of the European film

"Kirikou and the Wild Beasts," an animated story set in Africa about a magical child who needs to outwit jungle animals to save his village.

Cost for admission to film screenings is \$6 for children and \$8 for adults. Tickets can be purchased by visiting www.cicff.org, or by calling (866) 468-3401.

In addition to film viewing,

children's movie workshops, designed for kids aged 7 to 14, will take place during the festival. Workshops include intensive, professionally-led classes in animation, sound production and acting.

Registration is required, and fees range from \$20 to \$75 a participant. To register for a workshop, call Kidsfest at (773) 281-9075.

Disney magic takes the stage in new production

CHICAGO – In a never-before-seen combination, Disney characters and professional illusionists are coming together in a show from the producers of Disney On Ice.

"Mickey's Magic Show" is scheduled to take place from Oct. 12 to 15 at the Rosemont Theatre in Rosemont. It also will appear Nov. 3 to 5 at the Star Plaza Theatre in Merrillville, Ind. Tickets are on sale now.

The magic show features special tricks from legendary Disney films: Cinderella's rags turn into a beautiful ball gown

in a split second, Aladdin's Princess Jasmine levitates into the air and the enchanted dancing brooms in Fantasia help sweep Minnie off her feet.

Master Magician Mickey Mouse performs astonishing illusions throughout the show, which is complimented by appearances from Disney princesses Belle and Snow White, as well as Mickey's pals from Toontown – Minnie, Donald, Daisy and Goofy.

Tickets for Mickey's Magic Show are available at the Rosemont Theatre Box Office, 5400 N. River Road, in

Rosemont; the Star Plaza Box Office, 8001 Delaware Place, in Merrillville, Ind.; and all Ticketmaster locations, www.ticketmaster.com, or (312) 559-1212.

Rosemont Theatre ticket prices are \$15, \$24.50 and \$33.50, with a limited number of \$45 V.I.P. seats available.

Star Plaza tickets are \$19 for adults and \$16 for children under 12, with a limited number of \$30 V.I.P. seats available.

Opening night discount rates are offered to patrons.

For more information, visit www.disneylive.com.



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Master Magician Mickey Mouse leans Benny Boyl, played by illusionist Alex Gonzalez during his linking rings act.

Weekly Journals reporter shares Chicago film festival experience

• FILM FESTIVAL

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Hoffman's publicist told me he was done with interviews, but Hoffman indulged me one question, yelling in his excited, emphatic tone, "Say it! Ask it!"

I asked what a lifetime achievement award did to put his career in perspective.

"It makes me feel like I still have a high testosterone level," he deadpanned.

About an hour later, as he wrapped up his acceptance speech for the award, you could hear in Hoffman's voice that his passion for filmmaking is still strong.

"There is something going on in film today, which really gives me the same feeling as it did [during the late '60s and early '70s], and that is the young artists, writers, directors and actors, who are putting out the films ... for \$4 million, \$10 million, \$15 million, when the average studio film costs \$65 million, and they put \$30 to \$40 million in advertising," he said. "There's also a really extraordinary talent level [that] I think is growing out of a kind of anger; and that is, 'You cannot stop me, today's commerce, you cannot stop me from doing good work. I will do good work.'"

That is the mantra of several, if not all, of the filmmakers who are participating in this year's festival. It's also what keeps me, and so many other film fans, coming back for more.

Take a look at the reviews of some of the films shown at the Chicago International Film Festival:

Renaissance
(France/U.K./Luxemburg)

Rated: R

Directed by: Christian Volckman
Writing credits: Mathieu Delaporte, Jean-Bernard Pouy

In the opening shot of "Renaissance," an old woman on a video billboard is slowly transformed into a beautiful, young model. During the metamorphosis she explains, "I like being beautiful, I like being fit and, with Avalon, I'm going to stay that way. Avalon. We're on your side ... for life."

With that, the audience is introduced to Paris in the year 2054, where every move a citizen makes can be monitored and the mysterious Avalon company, which offers its clients a line of anti-aging products and cosmetic surgery options, seems to run the entire city.

Filmed using cutting edge computer animation, the creators of "Renaissance" have designed a world of stark black and white. The contrast of shadow and light has obvious roots in film noir, as does the story and the script, which offers hard boiled lines and plot twists from beginning to end.

But it is also equal parts science fiction (with futuristic cityscapes and technology) and action flick (featuring several high-speed car chases and loud gun fights).

The plot revolves around rogue cop Barthelmy Karas (voiced by Daniel Craig, who plays the new James Bond in the upcoming "Casino Royale"), who is assigned to a case in which a promising young Avalon scientist,

Ilona Tasuiev (voiced by Romola Garai) has been kidnapped.

As Karas investigates, he begins to piece together a conspiracy in which Avalon is striving to attain dangerous technology that would give it complete power over the entire world.

While the plot suffers from predictability at some points, with a handful of commonplace devices, the cinematography and animation are anything but ordinary. That alone makes the film worth seeing.

Grade – B

Vitus
(Switzerland)

Not Rated

Directed by: Fredi M. Murer
Writing credits: Peter Luisi, Fredi M. Murer

"Vitus" chronicles the life of the child-genius title character, whose unlimited gifts as a pianist lead him to crave nothing more than life as a regular kid.

Real-life piano prodigy Teo Gheroghiu plays the role of the 12-year-old Vitus and shows a good deal of ability in front the camera.

But the real standout in the film is German actor Bruno Ganz, who plays Vitus' bighearted grandfather, the only member of the family who really understands the conflict going on within his grandson.

Some of the most touching moments are shared between these two and are beautifully acted.

When Vitus confides in his grandfather that all he wants is to be "normal," the grandfather demonstrates

the meaning of that word by taking off his hat and throwing it across a pond onto the opposite muddy bank. He tells his grandson that, "in order to be normal, you have to part with things you like."

To escape his talent, Vitus stages an accident in which he crashes a hang glider his grandfather made for him. It allows him to feign a brain injury and claim he can no longer play the piano, allowing him escape the mounting pressure he feels. He's smart enough to fool doctors, teachers, his parents and even his grandfather.

While everyone believes he has lost his genius, Vitus enjoys a life free from his immense talent—at least at first.

With the support and empathy of his grandfather and, eventually, his parents, Vitus works to realize his dreams.

Grade – A

Syndromes and a Century
(Thailand)
Not Rated
Directed by: Apichatpong Weerasethakul
Writing credits: Apichatpong Weerasethakul

"Syndromes and a Century" pulls you into its dreamlike world from the opening shot, a simple framing of a tree swaying softly in a tropical breeze. It holds there for about a minute, and then the story begins.

Writer and director Apichatpong Weerasethakul has created a film in two parts. Together they tell the story of how his parents, both doctors, met and fell in love.

The first part takes place at a hospi-

tal in rural Thailand, while the second half is set at a hospital in urban Bangkok. Both parts have several similar components. In many instances, the scenes are almost exactly the same, with minor tweaks to the dialogue, camera angles and plot.

The small differences convey the nuances of memory, as the entire movie is really a long flashback, told from two perspectives, examining the evolution of one couple.

The first part conveys the warmth and beauty of rural Thailand with rich greens and plenty of sunlight. The conversations and interactions are detailed and personal.

In the second section, the hospital is colder, more sterile. Fluorescent lights buzz in the background and the characters seem less connected, more distracted. What is not different is the love that the two main characters have for each other.

There is a tender humor throughout the film as well. In the first part, the hospital employs a dentist who sings Thai country music as a hobby. He gives a monk friend his new CD, saying, "I usually sing about teeth and gums, but this one is mostly love songs."

Characters like this, with their individual idiosyncrasies, along with the amazing cinematography and compelling storytelling by Weerasethakul, make "Syndromes and a Century" what should be remembered as one of the most beautiful and interesting films shown at this year's festival.

Grade – A

• Provided by reporter Matt Pera

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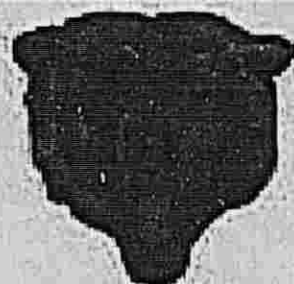
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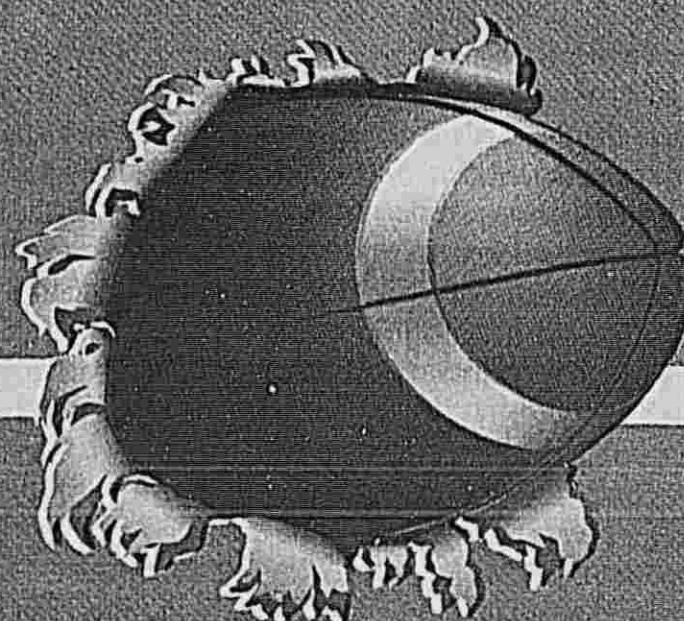


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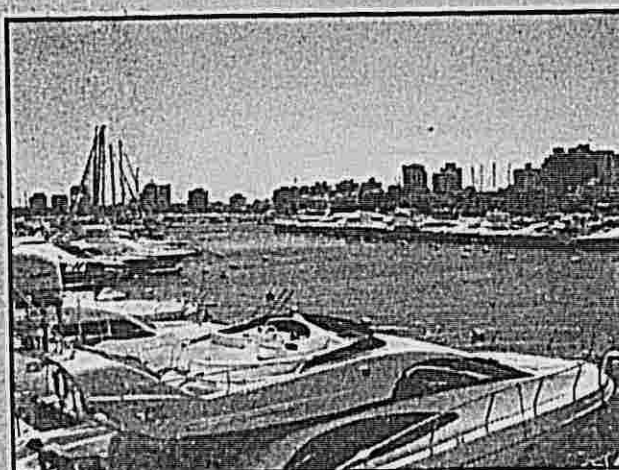


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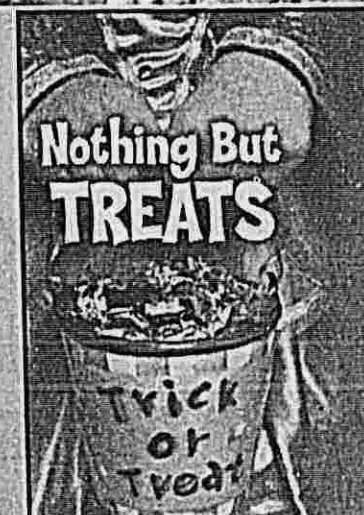
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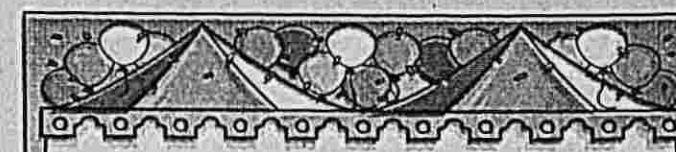


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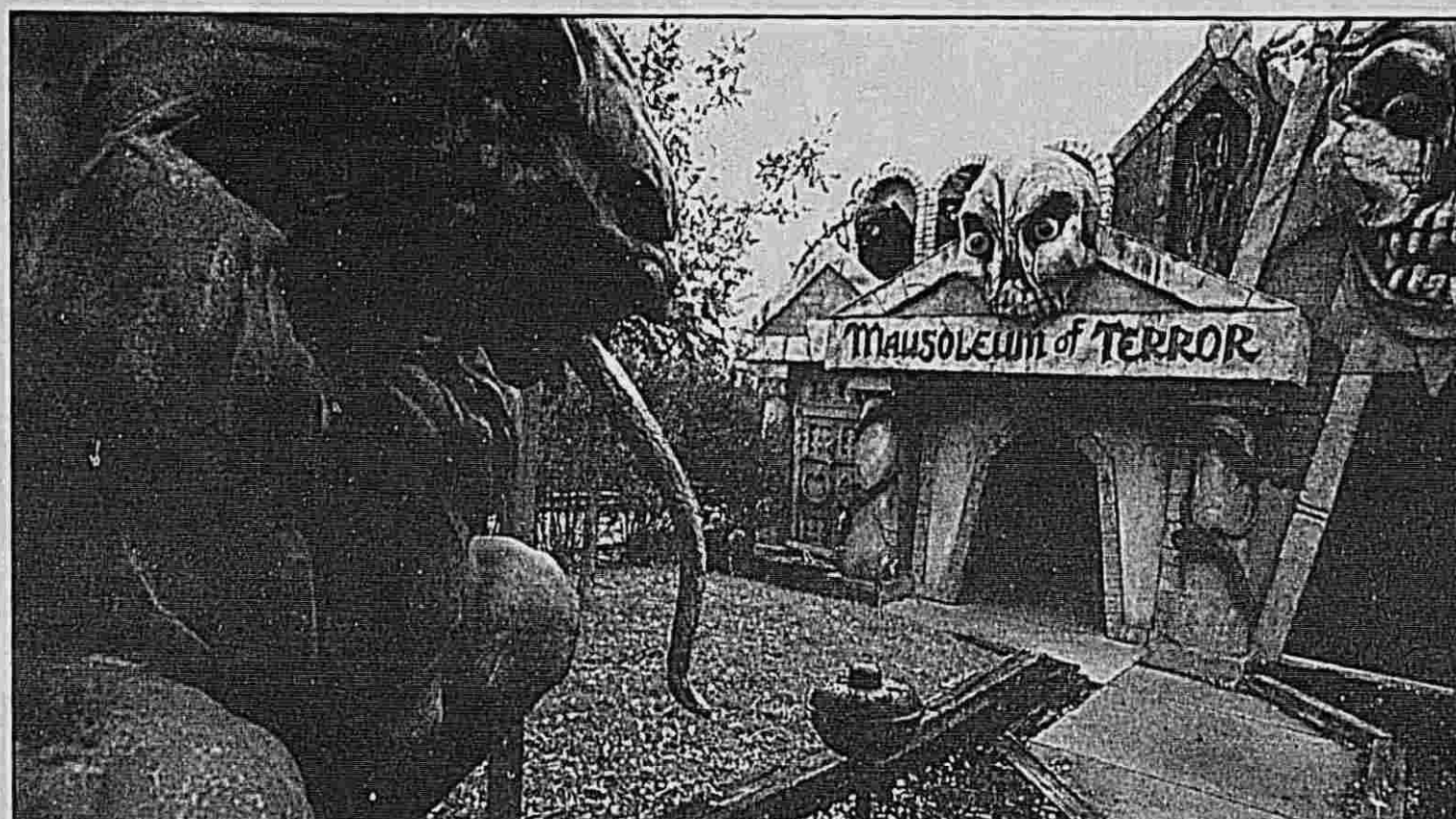
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Halloween arrives early at Six Flags Great America, where some of the scariest ghosts and ghouls come to spook guests at the park's annual Fright Fest. This seasonal extravaganza, the largest and most diverse of its kind in the Midwest, will creep into town for 13 terrifying days and nights during weekends in October.

During the day, families will appreciate kid-friendly theming and appearances by famous, fairy tale characters highlighted in two, special therned, scare-free children's areas. Returning in 2006, the incredible pumpkin carver transforms ordinary pumpkins into amazing works of art before your eyes. Kids will also love a unique maze, specially designed with their size in mind and packed with 'not-so-scary' characters.

Once darkness comes, an eerie fog sets in and the haunting begins. Thousands of props, facades, decorations and special effects transform the park into a Halloween haven of fun with over 100 scare-actors seeking out unsuspecting prey. Guests never know when and where the departed will make a chilling appearance. With haunted attractions, intense fog and multiple themed areas, scare-seekers will cross over into a world of the undead, where things are not what they seem, and the supernatural freely roam.

Theme park rides and other entertainment provide extra thrills for scare-lovers. Thirteen spooktacular coasters and dozens more exciting rides provide hours of screams. Many ride favorites even operate under frightful conditions, having been re-themed for this exclusive event. Dead End Drive, Terror Twister, Hellevator, and Rue Le Morgue are just a few of the exciting transformations that take place during Fright Fest.

Six Flags Great America's live entertainment also receives a terrifying transformation during the region's ultimate Halloween festival. Returning for its 16th run, the wildly popular Love at First Fright musical revue is sure to be a treat for seasoned visitors and their young companions. In this cult hit, guests will join a young couple on their dare-to spend a night in the cemetery with a creepy crew of Halloween characters! Brave guests can also witness the marvels of hypnosis or volunteer to fall under a chilling spell in the astonishing Susan Rosen: Mistress of Mesmerism show. With two spooktacular new shows in all, and an all new afternoon parade, Fright Fest entertainment is sure to

Did you know??

- The Grand Music Hall at Six Flags Great America is actually haunted. The ghost of what is believed to be a park guest frequently hinders the work of stage hands and lighting technicians. This Six Flags show fan gets particularly active in September, when the entertainment staff is burning the midnight oil preparing for Fright Fest.
- Guest traveling I-94 are familiar with a giant spider that visibly creeps onto the American Eagle roller coaster each October. She is affectionately referred to by park hosts as "Tiny", and her legs extend over 80 feet in diameter.
- There are over 100 monsters, ghouls, trolls, zombies, creatures and miscellaneous creepy creatures roaming Six Flags America.

place guests under an unwary spell.

Dates and hours for Six Flags Great America Fright Fest are Friday nights October 13 through 27; 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday hours October 7 through October 28 are from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday hours October 8 through October 22 are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on October 29. The park is also open Monday October 9 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information on tickets, pricing and special events at the park, please visit sixflags.com/greatamerica.



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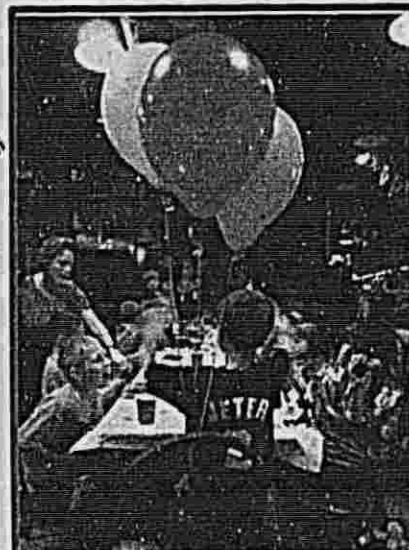
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Bats will flutter, snakes will slither, and owls will hoot during their Zoo Chats at Boo! at the Zoo. The bat chat will be held in Australia House at 11:45 a.m., the owl chat in the Children's Zoo arena at 11 a.m., and the snake chat in The Swamp at 12:30 p.m. Come learn more about these delightfully spine-chilling animals.

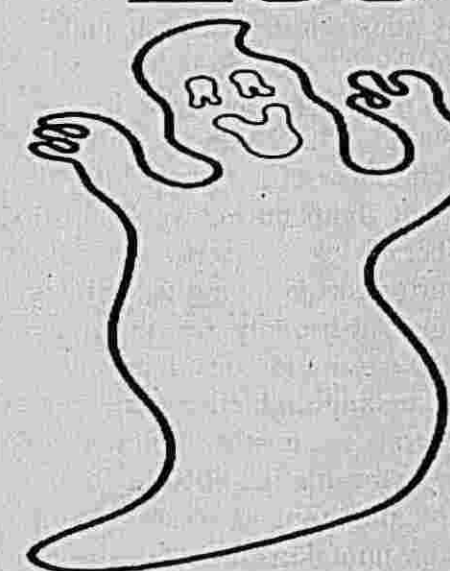
Visitors can learn how to turn their pumpkins into jack-o'-lanterns with the help of Steve Dahlke, an expert pumpkin carver. Steve will be featured on October 29-30 at the Special Events Arena, where he will give carving tips and suggestions to all zoo visitors---while carving his own jumbo pumpkin. Other eerie entertainment includes the Halloween spooktacular with Dave Rudolph on October 22 at 11 a.m. and Those Funny Little People known as Count Smakula and Witch Wanda on October 29 at 11 a.m. Zoo guests can also listen to creepy animal and Halloween songs by Two of a Kind on October 23 at 11 a.m., as well as ghost and monster tales by Amy Lowe on October 30 at 11 a.m.

All visitors are welcome to attend the celebration dressed as their favorite animal, witches or wizards, ghosts or goblins, princes or princesses, and any other disguise. Costumed guests stream through the zoo as part of the Costume Parade which kicks off at 1 p.m., beginning at the zoo's north entrance. After the parade, visitors may enter the Costume Showcase. Celebrity judges will have the unenviable job of selecting the scariest, funniest, best animal-themed, most original, and prettiest/most handsome costumes.

Some of Brookfield Zoo's animals will also celebrate Halloween alongside zoo patrons. While guests will receive sweet treats, some animals—including the camels, bison, bears, and elephants—will be given Halloween pumpkins to play with



BOO!
at the
ZOO



and perhaps even eat as part of the zoo's behavioral enrichment program.

A great new attraction this year will be Fujifilm's Halloween Pandamonium activities where zoo goers can visit the Fujifilm tent to take their picture with a life-size Panda mascot and receive free Panda trading cards. Also, visitors may enter a sweepstakes to win a fabulous weekend trip for four to the Smithsonian National Zoo for a private VIP tour of the Fujifilm Giant Panda Habitat and the opportunity to "meet" the new panda cub and proud parents Mei Xiang and Tian Tian.

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Chicago

Michigan Avenue kicks off the holiday season with flair during the Magnificent Mile Lights Festival, Nov. 18. As more than one million lights twinkle along North Michigan Avenue, visitors will experience a magical winter wonderland where the young, and young at heart, will enjoy ice-carving demonstrations, caroling, live Disney musical performances and evening fireworks.

For more information, contact the Greater North Michigan Avenue Association (312-642-3570, www.gnmaa.com).

Chicago's Lincoln Park Zoo puts on the glitz with its annual Lincoln Park ZooLights, Nov. 24 - Jan. 1. Children and adults can stroll through walkways ablaze with lights while viewing animals and ice-carving demonstrations, enjoying live musical entertainment, and dining on delicious cuisine.

For more information, contact the Lincoln Park Zoo (312-742-2000, www.lpzoo.org).

Chicago's No. 1 tourist attraction becomes a winter wonderland during Navy Pier's Winter WonderFest, Dec. 8 - Jan. 7. With dazzling decorations, beautifully ornate trees and sparkling lights as background, guests can enjoy visits with Santa Claus, crafts, ice skating, train rides, puppet shows and much more.

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Chicagoland

The Cuneo Museum and Gardens in Vernon Hills is one of Chicagoland's most celebrated historic treasures and host to the Cuneo Museum and Gardens' Festival of Lights, Nov. 24 - Jan. 1. This charming historic villa displays festive holiday flora, lights and European décor for visitors to enjoy. Guests can warm up by touring the 1914 villa and discovering 25 bril-

liantly decorated rooms.

For more information, contact the Cuneo Museum and Gardens (847-362-3042, www.cunecomuseum.org).

Step back in time during the Victorian Christmas Tours of the Frank Lloyd Wright Home in Oak Park, Dec. 9 and 16. The renowned architect's home and studio are festively decorated with vintage Christmas tree ornaments, garland and antique toys from the Victorian era. Specially created for children, the tours are led by junior interpreters offering entertaining anecdotes about how the Wright family celebrated the holidays at the turn of the 20th century.

For more information, contact the Frank Lloyd Wright Preservation Trust (708-848-1976, www.wright-plus.com).

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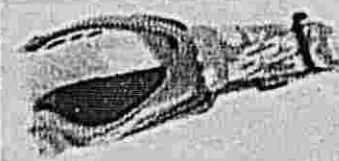
Rated the No. 1 ski resort in Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Iowa by Ski Magazine, Chestnut Mountain Resort will open its slopes for the season late in November. Located in historic Galena, Chestnut Mountain offers a range of 17 downhill runs for the novice to experienced skier and a diverse snowboard terrain park. Ideal for a romantic getaway or family trip, the resort's 120-room lodge offers easy access to the slopes, as well as ski lessons and onsite restaurants and shopping.

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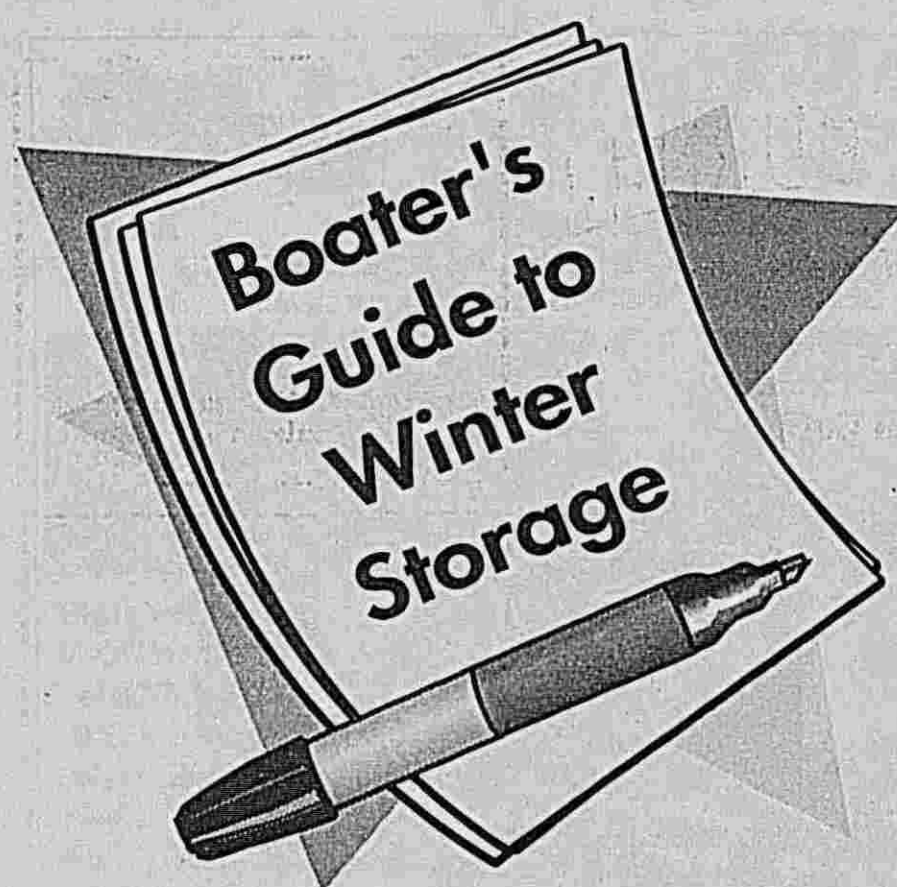
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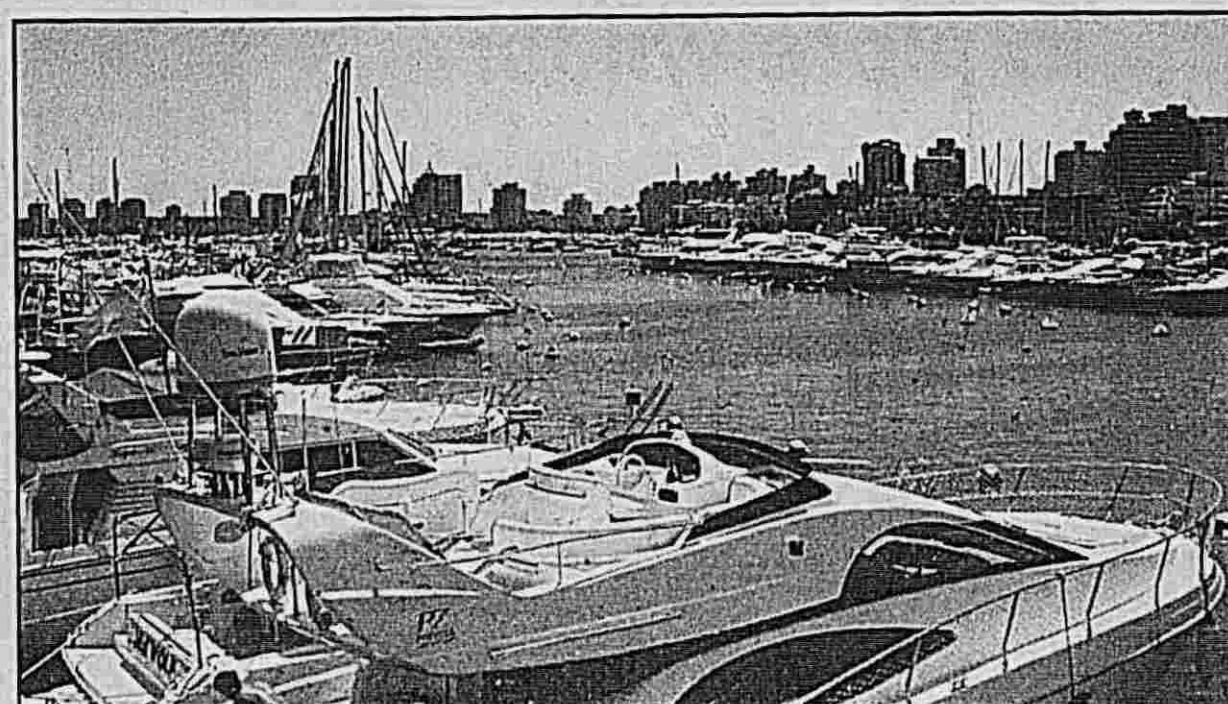
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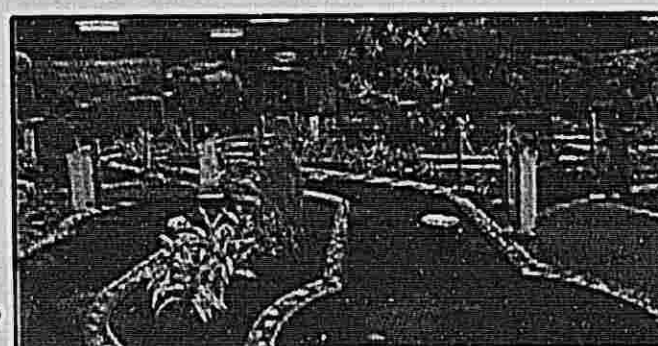
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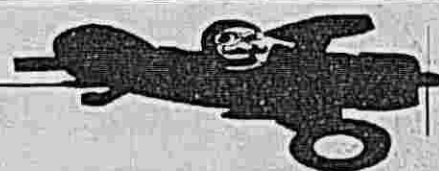
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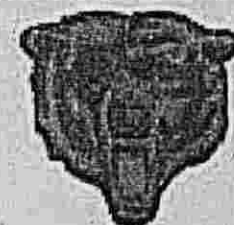
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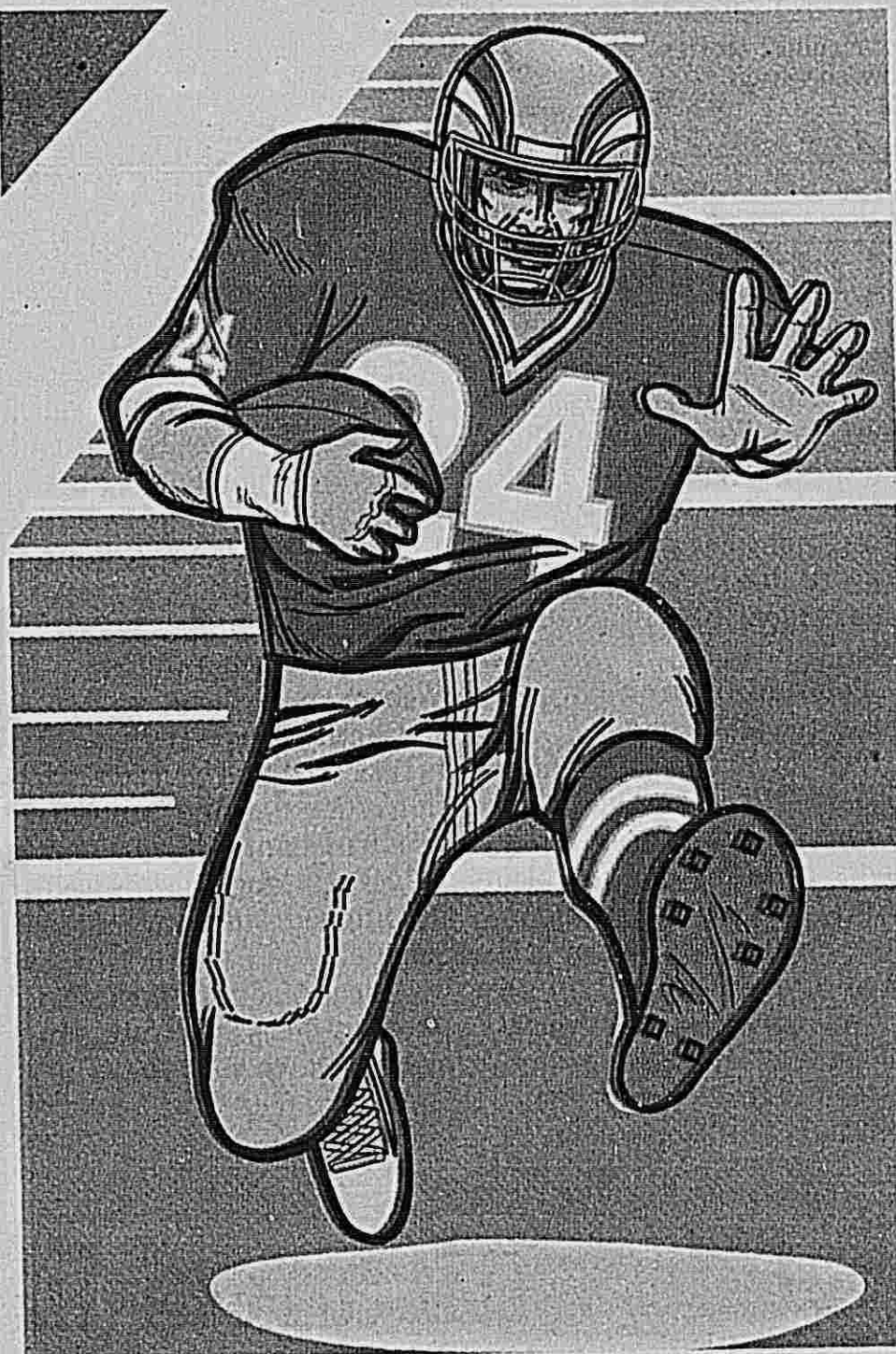
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'Shear Madness' returns after lengthy absence

Popular show lets audience members help direct the play

Welcome back, "Shear Madness."

This wacky, mystery comedy became something of a Chicago theatrical institution, tallying a respectable 17-year run, until the Blackstone Hotel — and its performance space — suddenly closed in 1999.

Now the show has found a home in a new, 281-seat venue, the Chicago Theatre Downstairs.

The comedy is directed by Bruce Jordan, who created the

Tickets, please

What: "Shear Madness"
Where: The Chicago Theatre Downstairs, 175 N. State St., Chicago
When: Open run
Tickets: \$42.50
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show with partner Marilyn Abrams and starred in the original production.

"Shear Madness" serves up a mix of up-to-the-minute topical humor, with a lot of local references thrown in for good measure, as well as lame puns and snappy one-liners ("If I want to get cut again, I'll go work for Ford"). There are some good

sight gags, too.

Inevitably, it manages to hook its audience, giving them not only an opportunity to interrogate the murder "suspects" and comb for clues, but also are able to decide the killer's identity by a popular vote.

This puts the crowd in control of the play's plot.

The action takes place at the "Shear Madness" salon.

Above the shop are apartments, including one occupied by a celebrated pianist who is found done-in by a pair of scissors.

Undercover cops don't have to look very far for prime suspects, who include shop manager Tony Whitcomb (John

McGivern, absolutely perfect in his exaggerated portrayal of a gay hairdresser); Barbara DeMarco (Robin Long), his ambitious assistant; and two customers — a secretive socialite, Mrs. Shubert (Glory Kissel), and nervous antique dealer Edward Lawrence (Mick Weber).

Christopher Tarjan brings to the cast a fine characterization of a rough-and-tumble police lieutenant, while Benjamin Reigel gets laughs as his well-intentioned, but simple-minded sidekick.

"Shear Madness" doesn't offer any deep, penetrating insights, but it can be great fun and is nice to have around once more.



Photo provided
John McGivern and Robin Long in a scene from "Shear Madness."

'Into the Woods' a fairy tale with a real-life message

By TOM WITOM
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The ever-fresh 1986 musical "Into the Woods," written by James Lapine with music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim, is now making a delightful revival at the Marriott Theatre in Lincolnshire.

Though the story mixes bits and pieces from the fables of the Brothers Grimm, it's no ordinary fairy tale. Here, much of the action takes place in the woods, where, it turns out, the characters are so involved with their own priorities that they literally fail to see the forest from the trees. But the production itself, under the expert direction of Dominic Missimi, doesn't lose its way for a moment.

Act I sets the stage, as characters from Jack and the Beanstalk, Cinderella, Rapunzel and Little Red Ridinghood intermingle with an unhappy, childless couple from the story of the Baker and his Wife.

To break a curse of infertility cast by the Witch (Susan Moniz) and help her regain her beauty, the Baker and his Wife (Michael Lindner and Susie McMonagle) agree to a kind of scavenger hunt, in which they

Tickets, please

What: "Into the Woods"
Where: Marriott Theatre, 10 Marriott Dr., Lincolnshire
When: through Nov. 19
Tickets: \$42-\$45
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must retrieve "a cow as white as milk, a cape as red as blood, hair as yellow as corn and a slipper as pure as gold."

To get what they need, however, the couple faces certain ethical dilemmas. Do they con the simple-minded Jack (Patrick Andrews) out of his beloved bovine pal? Take the coveted cape from Little Red (Brandy McClendon) by force? Cajole a slipper from Cinderella (Abby Mueller), or yank some of the tresses from the head of an unsuspecting Rapunzel (Johanna McKenzie Miller)?

The cast makes the most of the catchy dialogue, and the show's snappy songs — among them "Into the Woods," "It Takes Two," "Agony" and "The Last Midnight" — are appealingly performed.

By the time the lights fade on Act I, everyone seems to have had their selfish wishes



Photo provided
Susie McMonagle, as the Baker's Wife, and Michael Lindner, as the Baker, rehearse a scene from "Into the Woods," playing at Marriott Theatre in Lincolnshire through Nov. 19.

fulfilled, and the curse was broken. But there's no "happily ever after." Things fall apart during Act II, when the slain giant's widow, bent on revenge, stomps mercilessly on anything and anyone in her path, while demanding the group surrender Jack for his thievery and role in her husband's demise.

Cinderella's and Rapunzel's

flighty princes (Brian Herriott and Bernie Yvon, respectively) get sidetracked and end up singing of other women they would like to pursue, Snow White and Sleeping Beauty. Cinderella's prince even has a brief fling in the woods with the Baker's impressionable wife.

Yet who's to blame for the unfortunate fix they're in? The

group ends up pointing accusing fingers at everyone but themselves.

However, the survivors regroup, as recognition dawns that their only hope for future happiness and survival lies in community and family.

Credit Thomas Ryan for an evocative set and Nancy Missimi for the equally splendid costumes.

● Health beat

Learning to eat gluten-free with celiac disease

Question: I have recently been diagnosed with celiac disease, which is the inability to eat gluten. Do you have any information on this?

Answer: I do, but this is a condition that should first be discussed with your doctor.

Celiac disease is a digestive disease that damages the small intestine and interferes with the body's ability to absorb nutrients from food. Individuals suffering from this cannot tolerate gluten, which is the protein found in all wheat, rye, barley and possibly oats.

When a person with celiac disease eats gluten, their immune system responds by damaging the small intestine, specifically tiny fingerlike pro-

trusions, called villi, on the lining of the small intestine are lost. Nutrients from food are absorbed into the bloodstream through these villi. Without villi, a person with celiac disease becomes malnourished – regardless of the amount of food consumed.

Because the body's own immune system causes the damage, celiac disease is considered an autoimmune disorder. However, it also is considered a disease of malabsorption because nutrients are not being absorbed.

Celiac diseases may be genetic. Sometimes the disease is triggered after surgery, pregnancy, viral infection, or severe emotional stress.

The disease affects people

differently. Some may develop symptoms as children, others as adults. One factor thought to play a role in when and how the disease appears is whether a person was breastfed and for how long – the longer one was breastfed, the later the symptoms appear. Other factors include the age at which one began eating gluten-containing foods.

Symptoms may or may not occur in the digestive system. For example, one person may have diarrhea and abdominal pain, while another individual suffers from irritability or depression. In fact, irritability is one of the most common symptoms in children.

Diagnosing celiac disease must be done by a doctor.

Recent research shows that people with celiac disease have higher than normal levels of certain antibodies in their blood.



Linda DeFever

Antibodies are produced by the immune system in response to substances the body perceives as threatening.

The best treatment for celiac disease is a gluten-free diet. This means avoiding all foods that contain wheat (including spelt, triticale and kamut) rye, barley and possibly oats – in other words, avoid grains, pasta, cereal and

most processed foods.

Despite these restrictions, people with celiac disease can eat a well-balanced diet with a variety of foods. Some alternatives to wheat flour are potato, bean, or coconut flour. Stores like Whole Foods and Trader Joe's offer gluten-free products.

If you feel bad after eating grains, eliminate grains for two weeks. If you do not feel better after this time period, then you might be gluten intolerant. Check with your family doctor if this is the case.

• Linda DeFever is the owner of Vitality Inc., Where Exercise and Nutrition Meet in Balance at Serenity Health Resources in Wauconda. To have your health and fitness questions answered, e-mail DeFever at ocfever01@yahoo.com.

● Game Dork

Japanese video game, 'Okami,' gives players a challenge

"Okami" can only be a Japanese video game. You play as a wolf who also is a god, and you are accompanied everywhere you go by a bug with a god's powers. The bug-god looks like Tinkerbell and makes its grand entrance by exiting a goddess' dress, where the bug had a good time.

"I wish I could have spent more time in her kimono, if you know what I mean, heh heh heh," the bug chuckles.

To say "Okami" is very Japanese and is not an insult in the least. This is a wondrous, bizarre fantasy world where the white wolf, Shiranui, and the bug, Issun, stray about in a cherry-tree and tree-spirit village, which is threatened by mythical monsters and mon-

keyish green imps.

There are plenty of other good games that feed off of Japanese culture and auras. But they often are kill-fests, like "Resident Evil" and "Ninety-Nine Nights," where action sequences of shotgunning zombies or swordfighting anesthetize decrease the effect of Japanese sensations.

"Okami" saturates the screen with Japanese islands, huts, artwork and sake. The artwork is no passive element. As the white wolf, you prowl lands in search of evil imps and such. You knock them around, but you also can freeze time and draw a line across their bodies with a paintbrush that slices them in half. Yes, you paint them to death.

The paintbrush comes in handy elsewhere. Using various deity powers, you use it to draw a sun in the sky when monsters have pulled a metaphorical sackcloth over the heavens. You draw starry bridges to cross ruddy islands.

At one point, you must draw parts of a busted mill that produces sake, so you can transport the alcohol to a warrior who needs the drink to build strength and courage to attack a big boulder blocking a road. The sake is called "the vista of the gods."

It's too bad about the bug's love for the female form, and the sake, if only because these things may stop some parents from buying "Okami" for their children. Plenty of dumb games

appeal to kids for their affiliation with tie-in movie titles and goofy characters, but "Okami" offers much more childlike wonder, if also a few dark themes of tragedy befalling villagers.



Doug Elfman

It's one of the most creative games of the year. The look of its cel-shaded, comic book imagery

seem more 2-D than 3-D, but the flat art comes to life with fluid action and an almost messy, hand-drawn sumptuousness.

"Okami" does have a weakness, which also is very Japanese. Instead of watching cinematic cut-scenes where characters speak to each other, you walk your wolf up to villagers and engage in push-button dialogue that you read rather than hear. Kids can probably deal with these lengthy tales better than adults like me can.

But it's a worthy journey, with its cave-dwelling beasts, eight-headed villains and birds who you need to feed (or bite – your choice). The bug, by the way, doesn't like to be called a "bug." It prefers the title of "wandering artist."

• Doug Elfman is a video game critic for the NorthWest News Group.

● To Do

Haunted Harvest

The Haunted Harvest of Lambs Farm is a spooky celebration full of fun and adventure. The second annual event will take place from 6 to 10 p.m. on Oct. 14, 21, and 28.

The farm's Graveyard Golf offers miniature golf among tombstones. The CreatureWalk leads visitors through the farmyard

along a path lighted by luminaries. The Enchanted Carousel, Train of Terror, Pumpkin Patch and Coudren Cafe will also be available for attendees. Admission is \$15 for an all-night pass.

Individual attraction tickets can be purchased as well.

Lambs Farm is located at the intersection of I-94 and Route 176 in

Libertyville.

For more information, call (847) 362-4636, or visit www.lambs-farm.org.

Haunted house

The St. Matthew Haunted House, started 15 years ago, is a 14-room production with more than 3,000 square feet of terror. The house

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Admission is \$10. The house is open from 7 to 11 p.m. on Oct. 13,

14, 20, 21, 27 and 28. A Kiddie House will also be open during those times (admission is \$5).

St. Matthew Haunted House is located on Old McHenry Road, between Quentin and Midlothian roads, in Hawthorn Woods.

For more information call (847) 438-7709, or visit www.stmatts.net/haunted.

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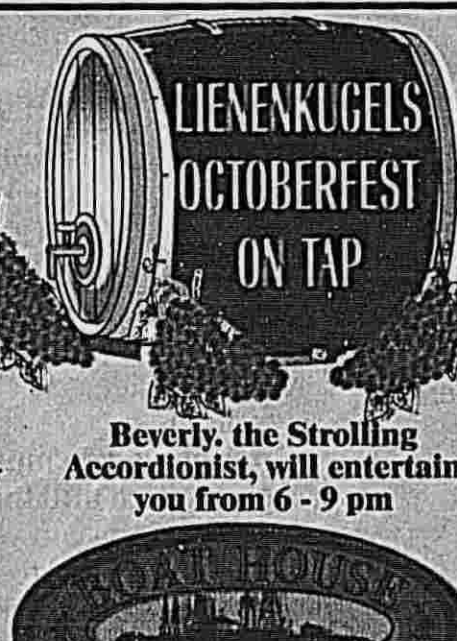
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Updated recipe offers good eating with a twist

By TOM WITOM

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Croque-monsieur, France's classic ham-and-cheese sandwich, gets a novel twist in Cindy Pawlcyn's new book, "Big Small Plates" (Ten Speed Press, 2006).

The cookbook author and Napa Valley restaurateur packs a lot of flavorful ideas in this collection of inventive dishes, and her take on croque-monsieur is no exception.

Despite the waiting time for the crepe batter to settle, this recipe comes together quickly. Because we had a taste for the smoky goodness of asiago, we substituted it for the specified Gruyere, and the results were equally pleasing.

Pawlcyn also walks readers through garlic soup, tuna tostadas with watermelon and tomatillo salsas, teeny-weeny bikini banana splits and lemon-butter pudding cakes, among others.

Crepes 'Croque-Monsieur' with Horseradish-Mustard Cream (Serves 6)

Crêpe batter ingredients:

1/3 cup corn flour
2/3 cup all-purpose flour
1 tablespoon sugar
1/4 teaspoon salt
3 large eggs
1 1/2 cups whole or 2 percent milk
1 tablespoon melted butter, plus extra butter or a pure pan spray for cooking the crepes

Horseradish-mustard cream ingredients:

1 1/2 cups heavy cream
3 tablespoons Dijon mustard
1 to 2 tablespoons prepared horseradish

3 thin slices good-quality ham
1/2 to 2/3 cup finely grated Gruyere or Jarlsberg cheese
2 tablespoons minced fresh chives
Freshly ground black pepper

Directions:

To make the crepe batter- whisk together the 2 flours, sugar and salt in a mixing bowl. In a separate bowl, heat the eggs with the milk until blended. Now, quickly mix the wet ingredients into the dry ones, stirring just enough to combine. Whisk in the tablespoon of melted butter at the end. Cover, and let the batter rest for at least 1 hour in the refrigerator. (The batter can be made ahead as much as 24 hours.)

To make the crepes, heat an 8-inch saute pan over medium-high heat, and brush the pan with some butter. Be sure the pan is very hot before you start, otherwise your first crepe will probably stick. Mix the batter well, and pour about one-quarter cup into the pan, tilting the pan as you pour it in and swirling the batter around to cover the bottom of the pan and one-quarter inch up the sides in a very thin layer.

When the bottom is golden, the crepe should release easily; turn it and cook the other side until just set. This will take about 1 and 1/2 minutes on each side. Slice the crepe out of the pan onto a plate. Re-coat the pan with some butter, if needed; stir the batter again, and carry on with the next crepe. If you're going to use the crepes right away, just stack them up. To freeze them, put a piece of parchment or waxed paper between the crepes to keep them from sticking together, wrap the whole stack up in plastic wrap and put it in a plastic freezer bag. When you need them, defrost them at room temperature and proceed with the recipe.

Shortly before serving, preheat the oven to 375 degrees Fahrenheit.

To make the horseradish-mustard cream- combine the cream, mustard and horseradish in a small bowl, and mix well. Set the

bowl aside.

To assemble the crepes- first, trim the slices of ham to fit a folded crepe. Place a slice of ham on the bottom half of each crepe, sprinkle the ham slices with about half the cheese and fold the crepes back over the ham. Place each crepe in its own baking dish, or plate. Pour the horseradish cream over the crepes, dividing it as equally as you can, and sprinkle with cheese. Bake 8 to 12 minutes, until bubbly and hot through and lightly golden brown.

While the crepes are baking- get 6 plates ready to hold the baking dishes when they come out of the oven. Line each plate with a napkin (this will keep the baking dishes from sliding about when served). When the crepes are done, transfer the baking dishes to the napkin-lined plates and sprinkle each crepe with chives and pepper. Be sure to warn your guests that the top plates are hot.

Halloween season means ghoolish treats for everyone

Looking for some spook-tacular new Halloween ideas? Scare up even more fun this year with some sweet and chocolatey "tricks" in these creatively boocacious treats.

When you shop, just buy a few extra bags of your favorite candies.

Simply unwrap, chop and mix the candies into cookie and cupcake batter or readymade pudding. Add that finishing touch of chocolate crunch or drizzle to your sandwich cookie filling, jack-o-lantern masterpiece or parfait. Then, watch as all these goodies disappear ... Spooky!

Check out these and other great Halloween treats, party ideas, and activities at bright-ideas.com.

Scary Ghost Cookies (Makes 16 treats)

Ingredients:

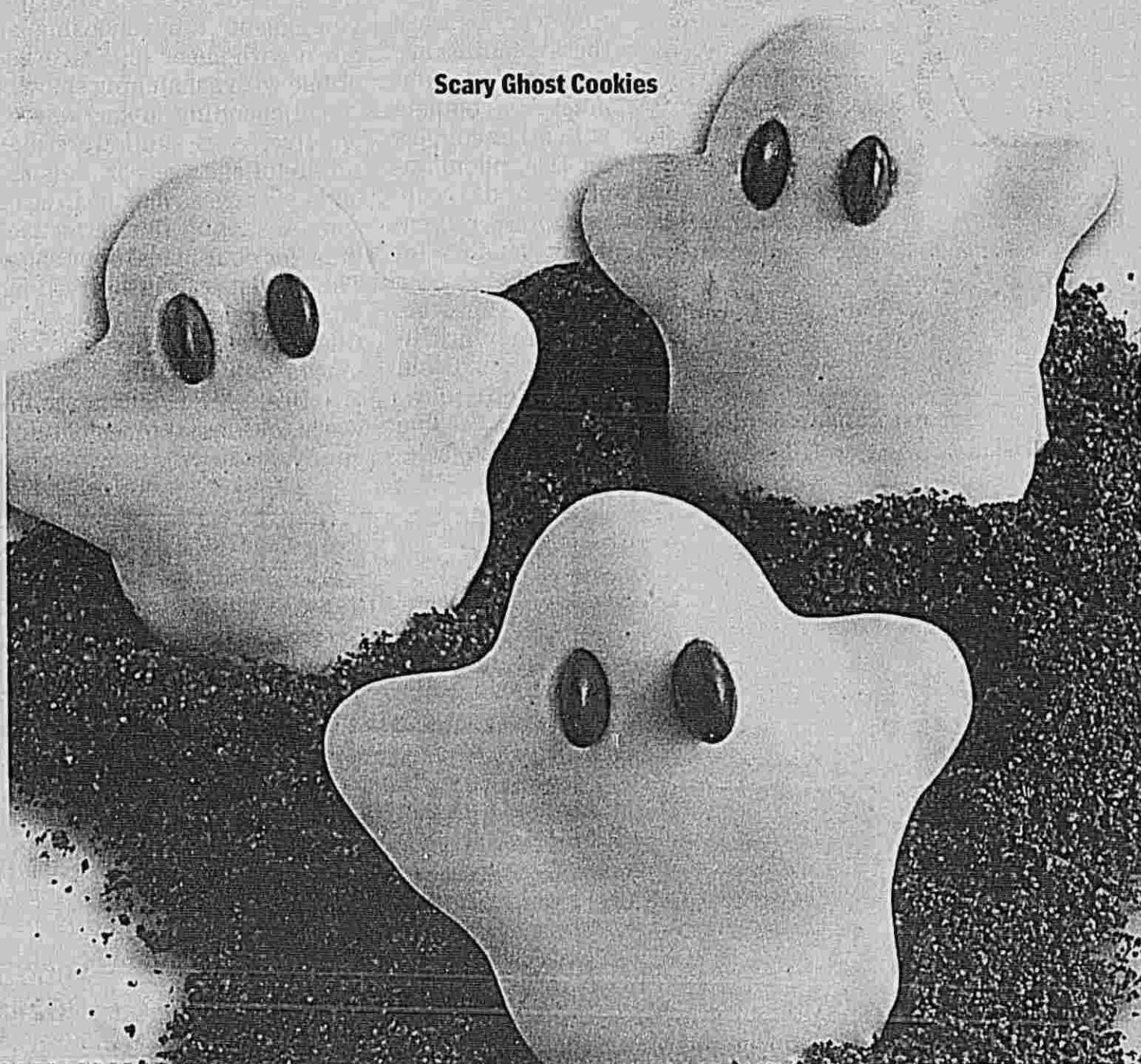
1 (11.4-ounce) bag Twix Caramel Cookie Bars Fun Size
1 (9.5-ounce) bag M&M'S Minis Milk Chocolate Candies Halloween Mini Packs
3/4 cup peanut butter

1/3 cup confectioner's sugar
1 (16-ounce) container vanilla frosting
1 cup ground chocolate wafers (approximately 20 thin wafers)

Directions:

1. In food processor or blender, pulse 10 graham crackers and 1 bag Twix until fine.
2. Transfer mixture to large bowl. Add peanut butter and confectioner's sugar to bowl and blend.
3. Divide mixture into 16 pieces. Shape each piece into ghost. If too sticky, add extra confectioners' sugar as necessary. Place ghosts onto waxed paper and refrigerate 30 minutes.
4. Heat frosting in microwave approximately 10 to 20 seconds, until thinned and looking slightly like whipped cream. Place ghosts on wire rack over sheet pan lined with waxed paper. Spoon heated frosting over ghosts until completely coated. If unused frosting begins firming up, simply reheat 5 to 10 seconds.
5. Place 2 M&M'S on each ghost for eyes. Sprinkle ground chocolate cookies on serving plate like "dirt." Nestle ghosts in "dirt."

Scary Ghost Cookies



BRIDAL SHOWCASE

Once you have announced your engagement, it is time to decide the date of your wedding. Many couples twist and turn over this dilemma as there are many points to consider when choosing the per-

fect date.

First, there is the weather, followed by the travel season and its impact on your honeymoon, the availability of your reception site and, finally, any other events that may be taking place that you'll need to schedule around. The time of year you choose is mostly a personal preference, but one that shouldn't be considered lightly.

Late spring to early summer is by far the most popular time for weddings in most areas of the world. During this season, you have the best chance for warm weather, clear skies and beautiful blooms. However, because these months are so popular, you must compete with other couples for DJs, photographers and reception sites. In turn, many vendors increase their prices at these times because they are in high demand and can get top dollar.

A viable option is to cele-

brate with an autumn wedding. Early fall boasts crisp weather, picturesque and colorful foliage as the leaves change their color, and an inviting harvest appeal. That is why many are opting to exchange vows in September or October. Autumn weddings are also ideal when planning your honeymoon. By September, most children have returned to school, freeing up resorts for your desired retreat. Just keep in mind that this time of the month is hurricane season for some parts of the Caribbean, so plan your honeymoon accordingly. You might consider getting travel insurance just in case Mother Nature crashes your trip. If you decide to have an autumn wedding, here are some ideas to make your celebration special.

Frocks and flowers

The weather may be cooler this time of year, so take advantage of it by choosing a gown with sheer long sleeves or one with a matching shawl. Depending upon where you live, roses, sunflowers, autumn foliage, gerber daisies and hydrangeas may be in season. Ask your florist to use them for your bridal bouquets. The florist can use trailing vines, berries and interesting filler leaves to set the harvest tone of your wedding.

Dress the bridal party in warm, autumnal tones of burgundy, maroon, brown and



cream. Bright fall flowers will contrast nicely against the deep hues of these gowns.

Photo flair

With rich landscapes and breathtaking color schemes, autumn will act as an ideal photographic backdrop.

- Take as many outdoor photos as the weather permits.
- If it is overcast on your wedding day, fear not. Bright sunshine can actually drown out photography and create awkward shadows. A slightly overcast day makes colors sparkle and prevents you from squinting into the camera.

Set the mood

As mentioned, autumn offers a cozy, inviting appeal. When the first leaves change color, it's the start of enjoying crisp weather and cool nights, drinking apple cider and snuggling up in front of a fire. Incorporate these elements into the theme of your wedding.

Keep the lighting low during your reception. Adorn each table with pillar candles surrounded by lush flowers in autumn hues. Choose an earthy wicker basket to house your floral arrangements, rather than a vase or candelabra. It will make your guests feel more at home.

On the table that displays your seating cards, showcase one large floral arrangement in a hollowed-out pumpkin or other item with autumnal aura. Place potpourri with an apple-cinnamon aroma to make the room smell inviting.

Dress the tables in earth-toned linens. Creams, golds and browns will complement the oranges and russets in your centerpieces.

Instead of numbering guests' tables, name them. Choose trees, flowers or destinations that tie into your theme. Your guests will enjoy and remember that they sat at the "Maple Table" over Table 2 any day.



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ACROSS

- Collide
- Ancient fertility god
- Heroic tale
- Brazilian rubber tree genus
- Inca sun god
- Bucket
- Parts of a school course
- Cotton pod
- Lough in County Fermanagh
- Canadian province
- Suc_: luck (Irish)
- Strike with a whip
- Central processing unit
- Deep-toned singers
- Provender process
- This (Spanish)
- Weight of an empty container
- Zygomatic bone
- Widely separated
- Commissioned naval officer
- Man with a lasso
- A block of soap or wax
- Ephialtes' twin
- Cater-cornered
- Most uncommon
- Mimic
- The den of a wild animal
- Scottish highlander
- 3rd Wallace & Gromit movie
- Plural of "a la"

DOWN

- Early 1900s leader of China
- Tonight's host
- Tel_, Israel city
- Bristle-like structure
- Nuisance
- Wild ox genus
- Different from the one seen
- G_ng: machine gun
- Purpled panicked bushes
- Adirondack town: 12164
- Swiss river
- Tanqueray and Bombay Sapphire
- Brews
- Class
- Documentary "American_"
- Hairy facial appendage
- L_ng: roping
- Buddhist monument
- A citizen of Senegal
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- Esc_: increase
- Common Roman praenomen
- Max_, Dadaist painter
- The Automobile Racing Club of America
- A small quantity of liquid
- Habitation at a high altitude
- Two or more metals mixed
- Drink of the gods
- Simplest compound of arsenic
- Syrian president 1971-2000
- Vasco da_
- Portuguese explorer
- Expression of sorrow
- Components considered individually
- A traditional belief
- Listen
- Celery (Spanish)
- Open country in South Africa
- Div_: varied

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Horoscope

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23
Before you trust someone with an important aspect of your life, Libra, you better make sure he or she is up for the responsibility.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22
Something you've been exploring as a pastime or new career starts to pan out, Scorpio. You are encouraged to continue by this success.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21
Although you've been friendly with a certain person for some time, a rift forms in your relationship this week, Sagittarius.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20
You receive bad news, Capricorn,

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18
Does it seem like everything is going wrong lately, Aquarius?

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20
A setback has you reeling, Pisces, but it's only a temporary situation.

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20
Rest up while you can, Aries.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21
It'll take some creative planning to make ends meet this week, Taurus. You've been doing some excessive spending.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21
You're in the best mood you've been in in weeks, Gemini. Embrace this change of perspective and do something nice to treat yourself.

CANCER - June 22/July 22
How can you ever find out what you're able to achieve if you don't give yourself a chance to do so? Cancer, it's time to step up to the plate and make some

changes in life.

LEO - July 23/Aug 23
The path you have been following is just not working out, Leo. Now is the perfect time to reassess for the next few weeks

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22
It's all about romance this week, Virgo, and you're going to love every minute of it. Expect to be fawned upon.



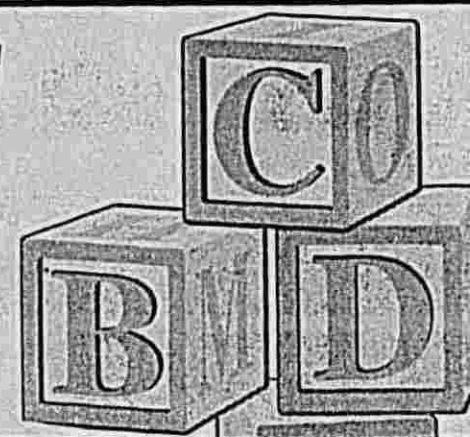
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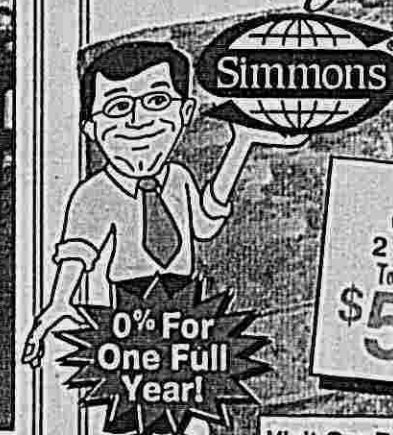
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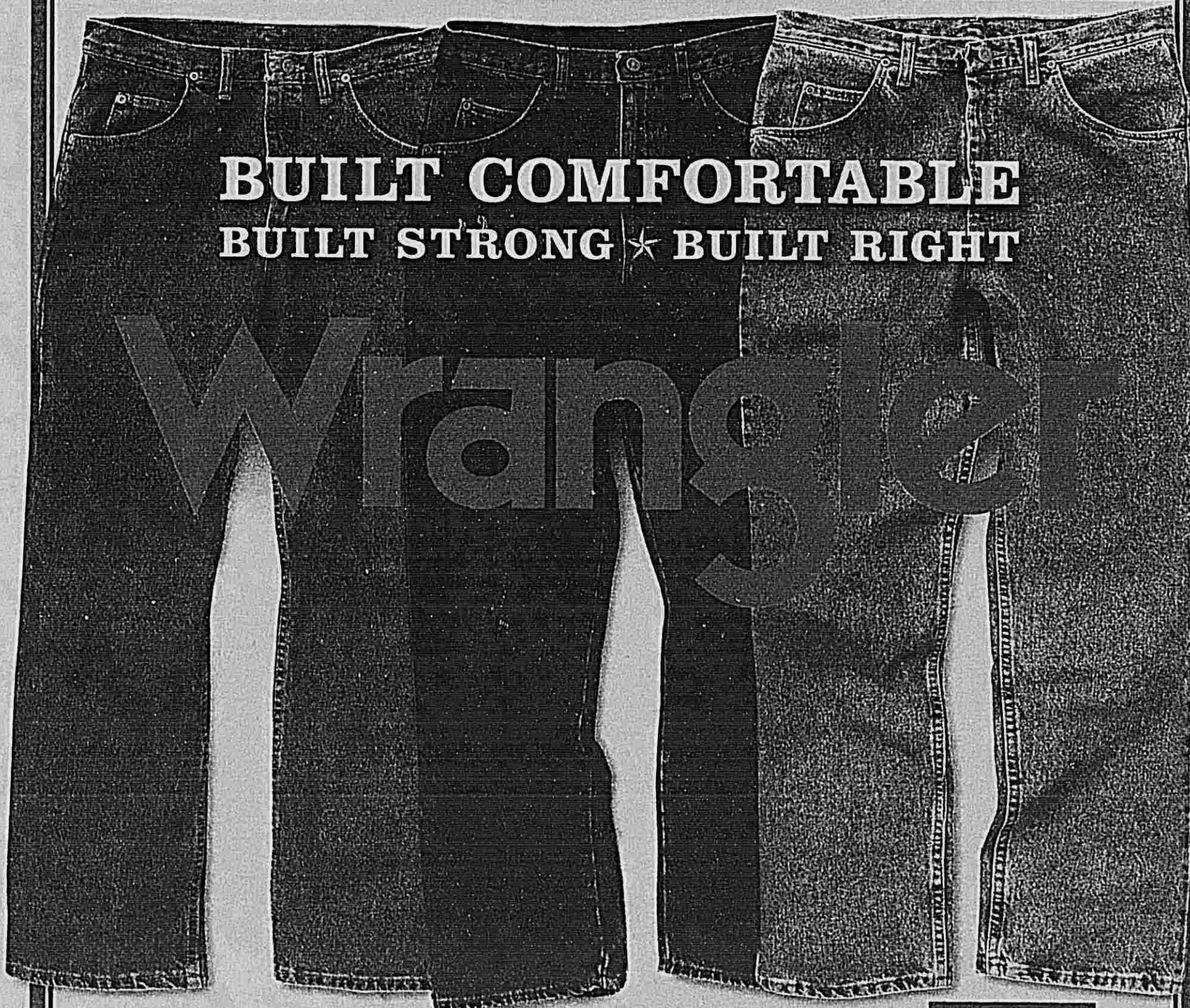
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Q Whatever happened to Butch Patrick, who played Eddie on *The Munsters*?

—John Reynolds, Chickasha, Okla.

Patrick was 11 when he made his mark in the 1960s sitcom about a family of ghoulishly goofy misfits (his character was a pre-pubescent Wolf Man). In the early '80s, he formed the band Eddie and the Monsters, "which was the first unsigned act ever to be on MTV," recalls Patrick, 52. He currently is restoring a bus once owned by The Grateful Dead, with plans to turn it into a traveling tourist attraction, and still is associated with *The Munsters*, which continues to find new fans via reruns. "I get such a kick that when I do personal appearances, I see grandparents, their kids and *their* kids."



Butch Patrick played Eddie on TV's *The Munsters* series.

Q I think the show *Reno 911!* on Comedy Central is so funny. Can you tell me something about the actor who plays Deputy James Garcia?

—Mark Talbot, Barstow, Calif.



Carlos Alazraqui, 43, makes Deputy Garcia fun to watch on the "fake-reality" cops show *Reno 911!* But you've undoubtedly heard him more than you've seen him—as the voice of the Taco Bell chihuahua ("Yo quiero Taco Bell") and in voiceovers for dozens of animated TV shows and movies, including *SpongeBob SquarePants*, *King of the Hill*, *Hey Arnold!*, *The Family Guy* and *The Fairly Oddparents*. He has a passion for skydiving and has completed 718 jumps since 1995. "It's so much fun," he says. "Being up there is very mind-clearing."

Carlos Alazraqui of *Reno 911!*

Q What is the real name of the lead singer of K.C. and The Sunshine Band? Where does he live?

—Jane Morris, Hurdle Mills, N.C.

Harry Wayne Casey is the "K.C." behind 1970s hits such as "That's The Way I Like It," "Get Down Tonight" and "Boogie Shoes." He lives—where else?—in the Sunshine State of Florida, where he was born, and still tours and performs. In 1982, a serious automobile accident left him partially paralyzed for six months, forcing him to re-learn how to walk, dance and play the piano.



'70s bandleader 'K.C.'

Vickie Howell makes knitting hip on *Knitty Gritty*.



Q Please give some information on Vickie Howell, the knitting expert on *Knitty Gritty*. She really livens up my old hobby!

—Beth N., Woonsocket, R.I.

The "chick with sticks" host of the DIY Network's daytime knitting series, Howell is a mother to two sons in Austin, Texas, the CEO of three craft-based businesses and webmaster of www.vickiehowell.com. On a quest to make knitting hipper and more creative, she's also written two books, *New Knits on the Block: A Guide to Knitting What Your Kids Really Want* and *Not Another Teen Knitting Book*.

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Hometown Hero

Training Rescue Teams

by LEAH INGRAM

Photos by Chris Cantle

When Wilma Melville, of Ojai, Calif. (pop. 7,862), retired as a physical education teacher in 1988, she created a "to do" list that included: "Learn to train a dog to do something significant."

"As a youngster I always had a dog, and I would train them to sit, stay and come," says Melville, 72. "But I wanted to do more."

So Melville began disaster search and rescue canine training, which involves a handler giving a

dog signals to sniff out a live person trapped under rubble. After three years of training once a month with local handlers in Southern California, Melville realized she and her dog were not making progress, however. "I knew (the training) was being badly taught because I was a teacher," Melville says.

Determined, she began lessons with professional dog trainer Pluis Davern in Gilroy, Calif. (pop. 41,464). Within a year and a half, she and her black Labrador, Murphy, passed the Federal Emer-



Search Dog founder Wilma Melville with one of her prized pupils

gency Management Agency (FEMA) certification test for search and rescue dogs and joined a disaster response team, the Southern California FEMA Task Force.

On April 9, 1995, FEMA deployed Melville and Murphy to Oklahoma City to aid in recovery efforts following the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building. Melville was startled to see other task forces arriving without rescue dogs and to realize Murphy was one of only 15 FEMA-certified dogs in the country. "If everybody is getting trained the way I had been trained originally," she recalls saying, "it's no wonder there are so few certified dogs."

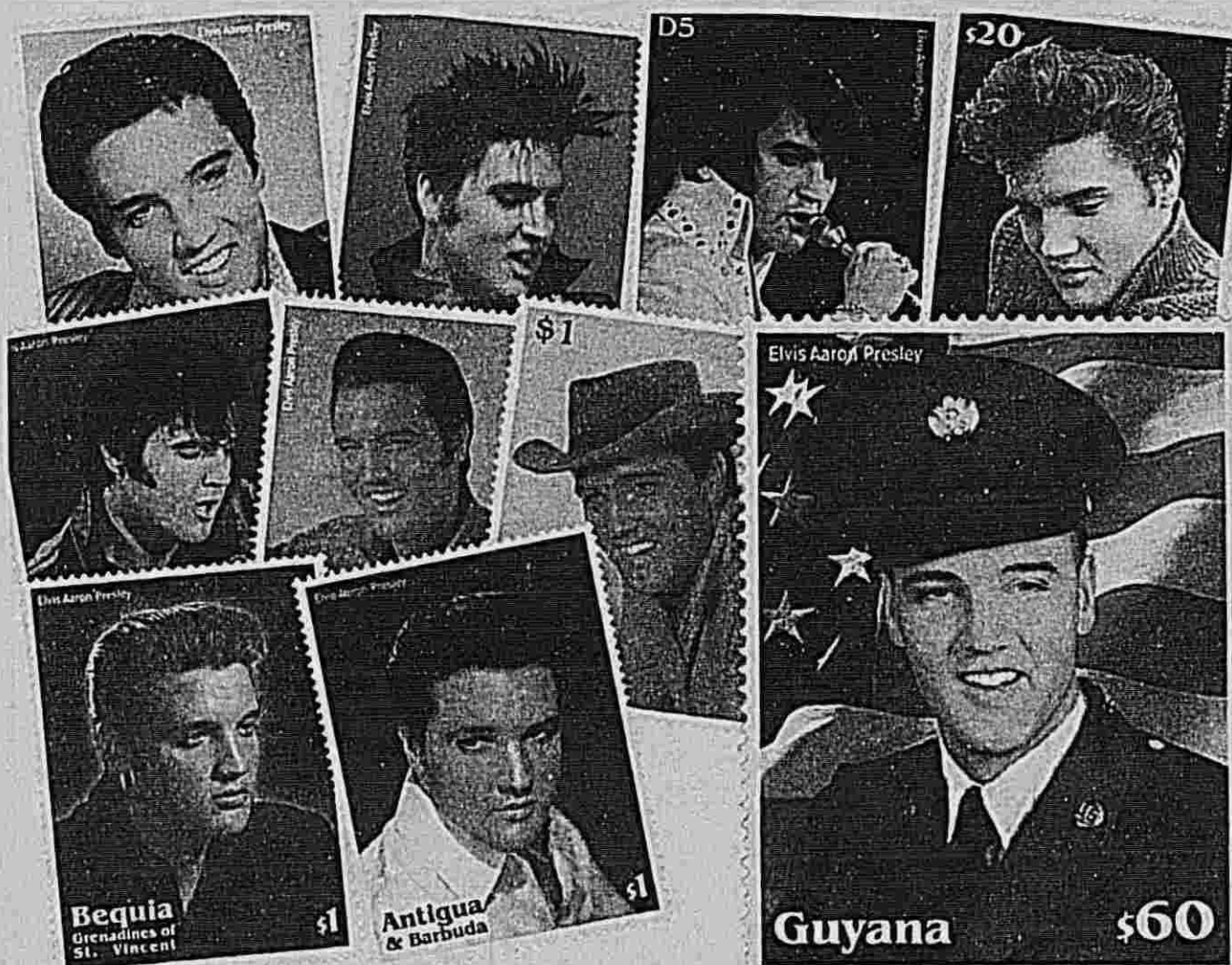
Within months, Melville founded the National Disaster Search Dog Foundation to train more search and rescue canine teams. In that first year, she put \$44,000 of her own money into launching the foundation. By 1997, the foundation graduated its first class—three Sacramento, Calif., firefighters. "I had already decided that I needed to work with firefighters," she says. "They are the first on a scene of disaster, and they have the time to train."

Today, the foundation is funded through private donations and picks up the \$10,000 tab for each student's training. Nearly all students are firefighters, and classes are grouped together based on geography. The foundation generally looks for dogs at animal shelters, then sends the dogs



Florida firefighter Mike Conners with Hobbes

Dusty, of the Sacramento (Calif.) Fire Department, picks up a scent.



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—Debra Tosch**



Melville and Debra Tosch watch as a rescue canine takes on an obstacle course in Ojai, Calif.

to Davern's training center in Gilroy for six months. The dogs are then paired with handlers, and their training as a team lasts one year. If the students live locally, training sessions occur at the foundation's headquarters in Ojai. Foundation trainers also travel to conduct classes for out-of-town students.

In 2005, 16 teams of handlers and dogs graduated from the training program and 20 teams are expected to graduate this year. Since its creation, the foundation has trained 31 of the 100 FEMA-certified disaster search and rescue canine teams.

Mike Conners, 50, a firefighter with the Coral Gables (Fla.) Rescue Department and his dog, Hobbes, are one such team. Last year, the duo put their training to good use. "We went to New Orleans for 28 days after Hurricane Katrina," says Conners, who completed his canine rescue training in 2000. "Everything we'd trained for at Search Dog we ran across in New Orleans."

Last June, Melville stepped down as the foundation's executive director, but she continues to help with fund raising and acts as Search Dog's spokesperson.

"To me, Wilma is an amazing woman," says Debra Tosch, the organization's new executive director. "Few people would have had the perseverance to get through all of the obstacles she faced to get the foundation off the ground. Wilma took a vision and turned it into something that has made a difference in our country." ☆

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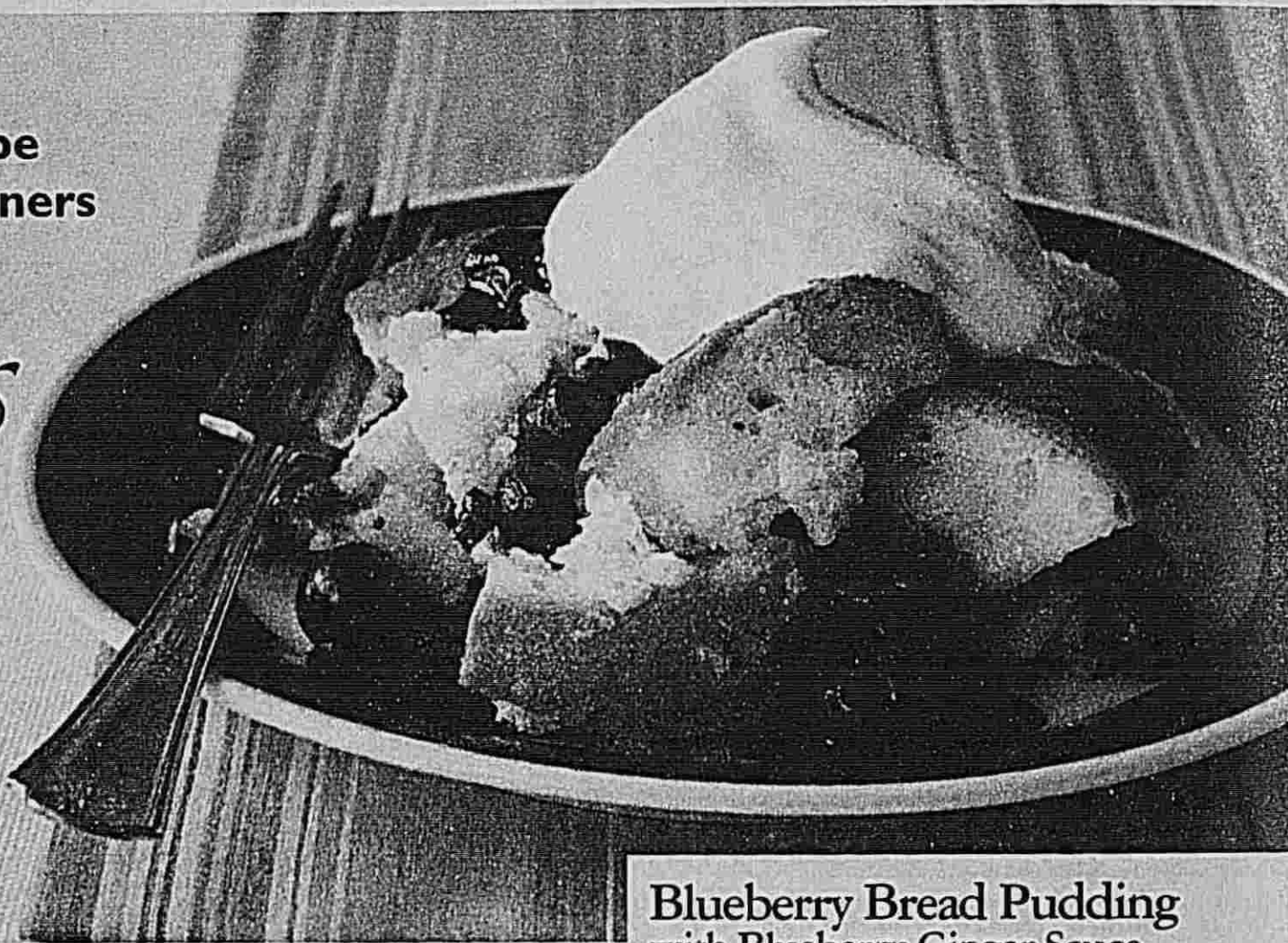
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American Profile's second annual Hometown Recipes Contest was a huge success. In all, nearly 1,000 recipes were submitted. Reflecting not only regional tastes and culinary traditions, the entries pointed out something we've known all along—our readers can really cook.

Contributing Food Editor Mary Carter tested hundreds of recipes and, along with *American Profile* staff, tasted and judged the entries. The Grand Prize winner is a recipe for Blueberry Bread Pudding with Blueberry-Ginger Sauce, created by Candace McMenamin of Lexington, S.C. "My family and I go to the blueberry patch every July 4th. With the sometimes stifling heat here in the South, it is not always easy to get my teenage boys to adhere to this tradition. This recipe helps serve as a reward for their hard efforts, and I get to enjoy some great togetherness with my boys. Hopefully, this tradition of ours will endure," she says. McMenamin will receive \$100 for being a regional winner in the dessert category and \$500 for being the Grand Prize winner.

Among our favorite recipes are these regional category winners: Cheese Garlic Breadsticks submitted by Gwen Swanson of Pukwana, S.D.; Spicy Chicken over Angel Hair Pasta submitted by Cheryl Ludemann of Boonville, N.Y.; Corn Scallop submitted by Mickey Carlucci of Peralta, N.M.; and Lotta Lemon Pancake Roll-Ups submitted by Margee Berry of Trout Lake, Wash.

Watch for announcements of the 2007 Hometown Recipes Contest in the pages of *American Profile* early next year. You too could be a winner.

Corn Scallop

- Southwest
WINNER**
- 2 eggs
 - 1 (15-ounce) can whole-kernel corn
 - 1 (15-ounce) can cream-style corn
 - 1 (6-ounce) can evaporated milk
 - 4 tablespoons butter, cubed
 - 2 tablespoons minced onion
 - ½ teaspoon salt
 - ¼ teaspoon black pepper
 - 2 cups (1 sleeve) coarsely crushed saltine crackers
 - 1 (12-ounce) package diced pepper Jack or Swiss cheese



Mickey Carlucci
Peralta, N.M.



Preheat oven to 325F. Grease a 13-by-9-inch baking dish. Beat eggs slightly in a large bowl. Stir in whole-kernel corn (no need to drain) and cream-style corn. Add evaporated milk, butter, onion, salt and pepper. Fold in cracker crumbs and diced cheese. Spoon into baking dish. Bake 1 hour or until set. Let stand 5 minutes. Cut into squares and serve. Serves 6.

Blueberry Bread Pudding
with Blueberry-Ginger Sauce

- Blueberry-Ginger Sauce:**
- 2 cups fresh or frozen blueberries
 - ½ cup sugar
 - 1 tablespoon crystallized ginger or ½ teaspoon dried ginger
 - ¼ cup water

- Pudding:**
- 1½ cups sugar
 - 4 large eggs
 - 1 cup whipping cream
 - 2 cups milk
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
 - ½ teaspoon nutmeg
 - 1 (16-ounce) loaf challah or French bread, cut into 2-inch cubes
 - 1 cup fresh or frozen blueberries



*Grand Prize
Winner*

**Candace
McMenamin**
Lexington, S.C.

For the sauce, combine blueberries, sugar, ginger and water in medium saucepan. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat, reduce heat to low and simmer 3 to 5 minutes or until sauce thickens. For the pudding, preheat oven to 375F. Lightly grease a 13-by-9-inch baking pan. In large bowl, beat sugar and eggs at medium speed with an electric mixer until fluffy. Add whipping cream, milk, vanilla and nutmeg, beating until blended. Fold in bread cubes and blueberries. Pour into baking pan. Let stand 5 minutes. Place in oven and bake 40 to 45 minutes. Cool in pan 5 minutes. To serve, top with Blueberry Ginger Sauce and whipped cream, if desired. Serves 8 to 10.

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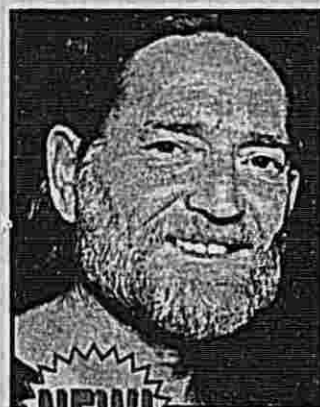


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Spicy Chicken over Angel Hair Pasta

- 3 to 4 tablespoons olive oil
- 4 cherry peppers, seeded and chopped
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 bell pepper, chopped
- 1½ pounds boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cut in bite-size pieces
- 2 garlic cloves, chopped
- 1 (14½-ounce) can chopped tomatoes
- 1 pound angel hair pasta
- Parmesan cheese

Northeast
WINNER

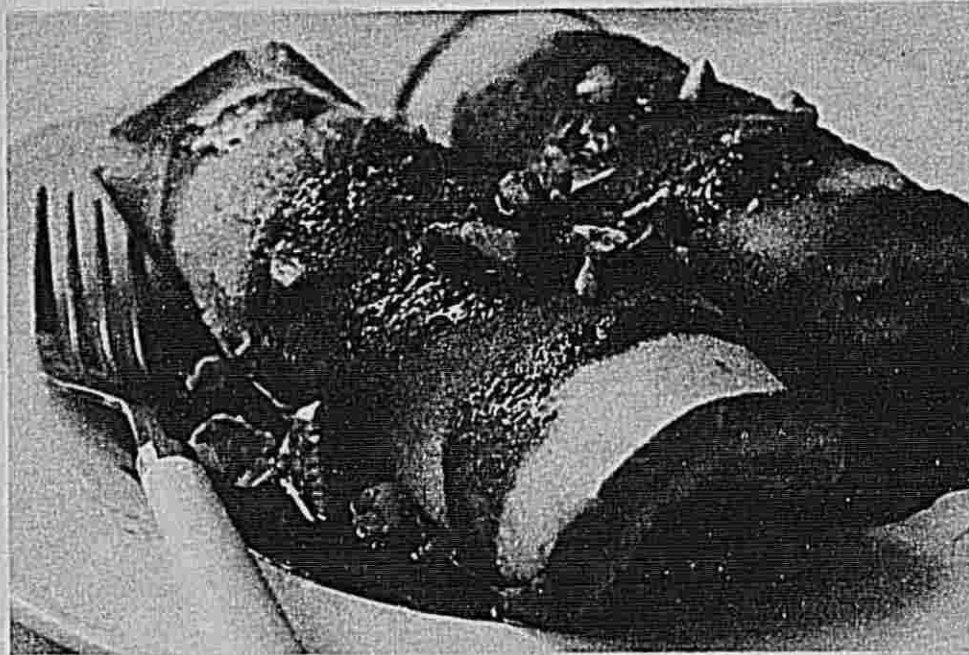
Heat oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add cherry peppers, onion and bell peppers. Sauté 2 minutes. Add chicken; sauté 3 to 4 minutes. Add garlic and sauté 1 minute longer. Add tomatoes, reduce heat to medium and simmer. Cook pasta according to package directions; drain. Divide pasta among serving plates. Spoon chicken mixture on top. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese. Serves 6.

Note:

Cherry peppers are round, bright red peppers with a sweet and mildly hot flavor.



Cheryl Ludemann
Boonville, N.Y.



Lotta Lemon Pancake Roll-Ups

- West*
WINNER
- Syrup:**
- 2 cups fresh or frozen (thawed) blueberries
 - 1 cup light corn syrup
 - 2 teaspoons lemon juice

- Pancakes:**
- 1 (8-ounce) package light cream cheese
 - 2 tablespoons lemon juice
 - 1 teaspoon finely grated lemon zest
 - 2 tablespoons honey
 - 1½ cups all-purpose flour
 - 1 teaspoon baking soda
 - ¼ cup sugar
 - ½ teaspoon salt
 - 3 large eggs
 - 1¼ cups buttermilk
 - 1 cup milk
 - 2 tablespoons unsalted butter, divided
 - ½ cup chopped pecans, toasted

To prepare the syrup, combine blueberries, corn syrup and lemon juice in a small saucepan. Simmer 10 minutes. Pour into a sieve and strain into a small bowl. To prepare the pancakes, beat cream cheese 1 minute with an electric mixer. Add lemon juice, zest and honey; mix 1 minute longer. Set aside. In a large bowl, combine flour, baking soda, sugar and salt. In another bowl, whisk together eggs, buttermilk and milk; fold into flour mixture until blended. Heat a large non-stick griddle or skillet over medium heat and melt 1 tablespoon butter. Spoon or pour ½ cup batter onto griddle for each pancake. Cook 2 to 3 minutes or until bubbles form on the surface; flip and cook 1½ minutes longer. Transfer to warm oven and cook remaining batter, adding more butter as needed. Spread each pancake with 2 tablespoons cream cheese mixture; roll up. Place 2 rolls on each plate and sprinkle with pecans. Drizzle with syrup. Serves 4.



Margee Berry
Trout Lake, Wash.



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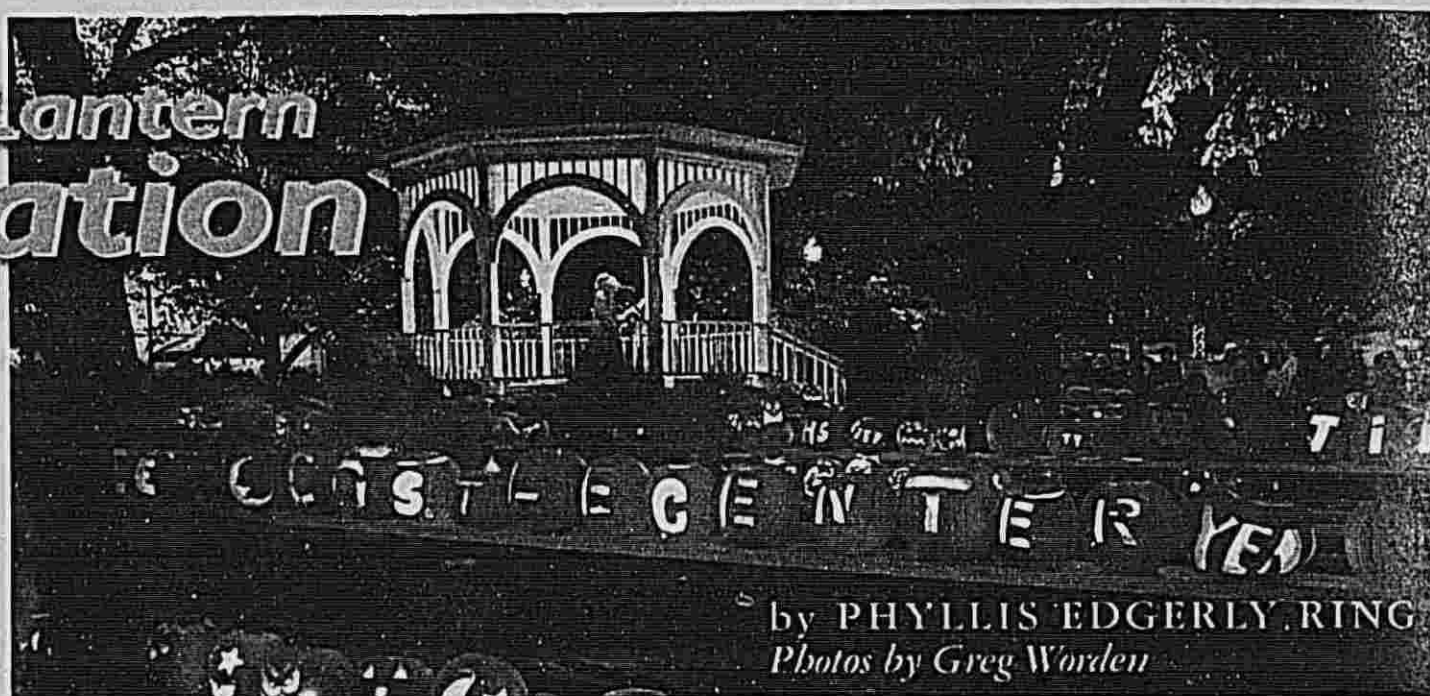
Hometown Spotlight

Jack-O'-Lantern Jubilation

As dusk falls, a wondrous sight illuminates downtown Keene, N.H., as more than 22,000 glowing and grinning jack-o'-lanterns welcome 50,000 people to the annual Keene Pumpkin Festival.

The orange gourds have put the New England college town of 22,563 on the map and in the *Guinness Book of Records*, says Suzanne Woodward of Center Stage Cheshire County, which organizes the festival held every third Saturday in October.

Since its beginnings in 1991 with 600 jack-o'-lanterns, the festival has set a record for the most jack-o'-lanterns—28,953 in 2003—assembled and lit in one place. The festival began as a way



by PHYLLIS EDGERLY RING
Photos by Greg Worden

The town square is decorated with some of the 22,153 jack-o'-lanterns carved for last year's Keene (N.H.) Pumpkin Festival.

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to boost downtown business while providing family fun, and has grown to attract pumpkin-toting visitors from across the nation.

The thousands of pumpkins arrive with the folks who come, "including many who host neighborhood carving parties and invite family and friends each fall," says Woodward, "and local businesses whose employees help boost the count."

Keene's students play a big role, too. About 6,000 pumpkins grown by Newmont Farm of Bradford, Vt., are purchased by Center Stage and local business sponsors and delivered to Keene schools to be carved in classrooms and displayed in Keene's Central Square. Keene State College's student senate holds a "pumpkin lobotomy" to add another 1,500 or so to the count, says senior Adam Castor, who's been a festival volunteer since childhood.

Even Keene Mayor Mike Blastos joins in, bringing pumpkins to city council meetings for members to carve during the week leading up the festival. "Since the whole town pulls together to make this happen, City Hall should pitch in, too," Blastos says. "I get as excited as a kid waiting to see what the count will be, and it's great to watch thousands of people having such a good time."

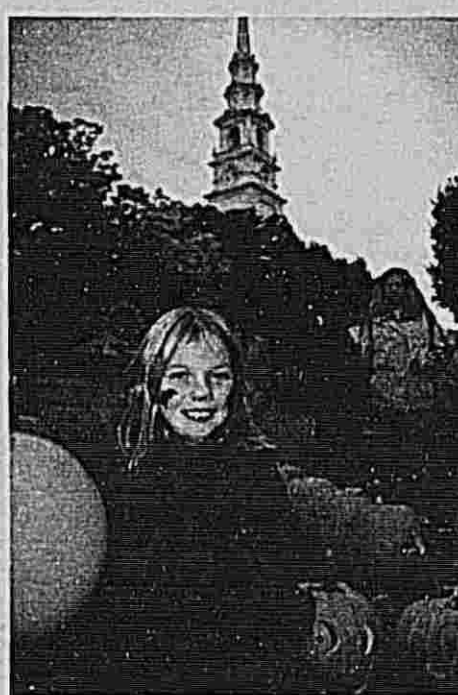
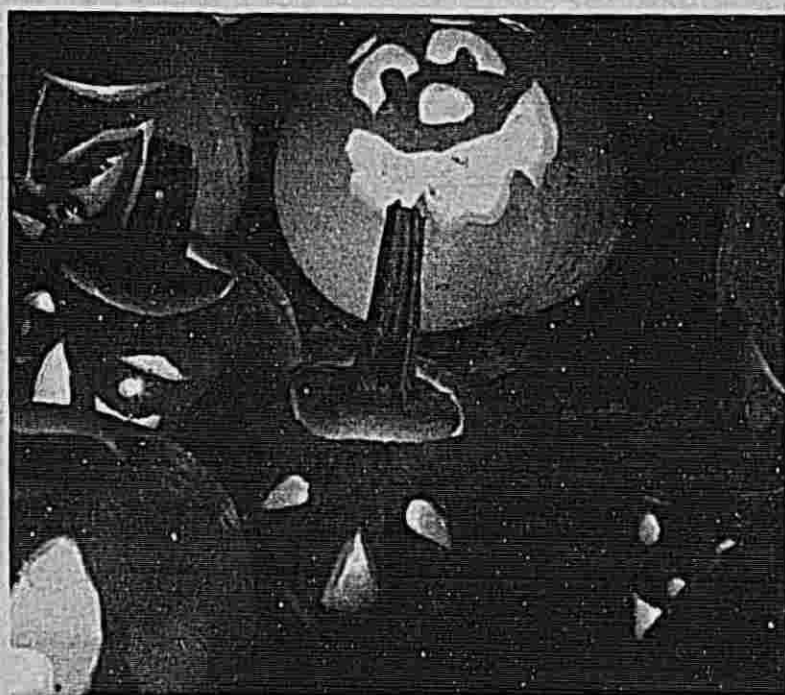
Festival officials keep track of the number of jack-o'-lanterns at log-in booths. The daylong event even has a carving station stocked with thousands of gourds for festival-goers to carve and contribute to the count.

Jack-o'-lanterns—from scary to silly—rise high in the festival's trademark "Pumpkin Towers," built on scaffolding up to four stories tall at several downtown locations. Center Stage board members oversee the work of four local construction companies that build the pumpkin skyscrapers, a job that begins the day before the festival and continues until the final count is tallied and verified by the mayor and an independent accounting agency. The number—22,153 in 2005—is announced just before the event's fireworks finale.

"It takes almost 100 of our nearly 900 volunteers just to keep all those jack-o'-lanterns lit," Woodward says. In recent years, due to sheer volume, the pumpkins are illuminated with electric lights rather than candles.

These displays are a one-of-a-kind sight, says Michael Estes of Elkton, Md. (pop. 11,893), attending the festival for the first time with sons Anthony, 12, Christian, 7, and Joseph, 6. "The genuinely friendly townspeople seemed to go out of their way to make us feel welcome, too," he says.

Three stages of entertainment and activities, ranging from a "pumpkin-mobile" and hayrides to seed-spitting and pie-eating contests, attract all ages. Mouth-watering smells of pumpkin pie, hot cider and pumpkin fried dough waft from dozens of booths. Pumpkin whoopee pies are usually a sell-out, and the maple-syrup cotton candy was a big hit with the Estes family. All vendor profits benefit children's charities and local service organizations.



The fall festival is a community-wide Halloween celebration that brings together student carvers and costumed kids who create and enjoy the downtown pumpkin display.

"The festival celebrates families, Halloween and pumpkins, of course, but children are the honored guests," Woodward says. The day officially kicks off with a lively parade of about 1,000 costumed kids and parents.

And community service doesn't stop when the pumpkin lights are snuffed out. "By noon the next day, like Halloween elves, as many as 200 volunteers will have removed every trace," Woodward says. Most of the pumpkins wind up in the town's compost pile or are trucked to local pig farms.

"The festival really creates community," Castor says. "All ages play a part and it's a really *happy* day with everyone working together to meet a fun goal." ☆

Phyllis Edgerly Ring is a freelance writer in Exeter, N.H.

Keene's 16th annual Pumpkin Festival is scheduled Oct. 21. Visit www.pumpkinfestival.org or call (603) 358-5344 for more information.

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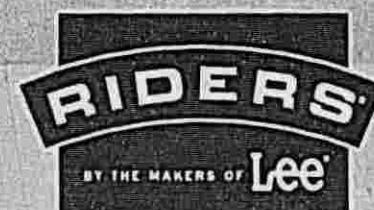
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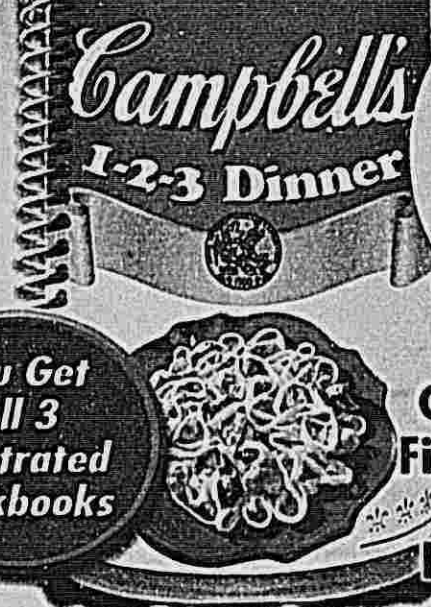
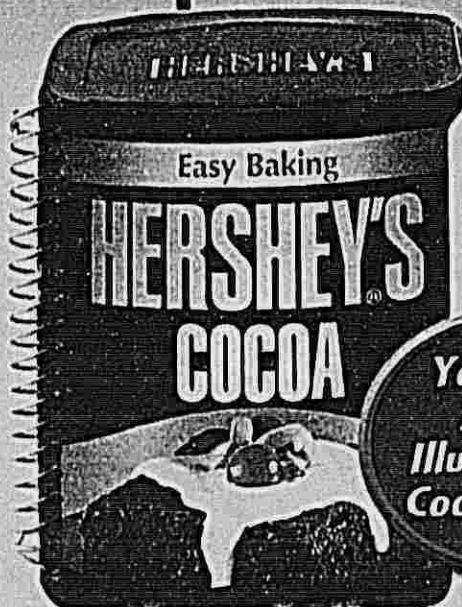
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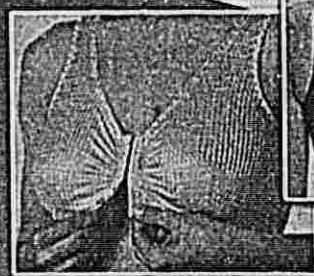
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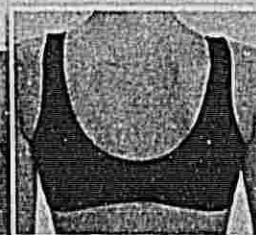
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- 1 1/4 to 2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour, divided
1/4 cup sesame seeds
1 (1/4-ounce) package dry active yeast
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 cup water
3 tablespoons olive oil, divided
1 tablespoon honey
2 tablespoons dry parsley flakes
1 tablespoon dry crushed basil
3 garlic cloves, minced
1/2 cup shredded mozzarella cheese
1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese

In a large bowl, combine 1 1/2 cups flour, sesame seeds, yeast and salt. In a saucepan, heat water, 1 table-
spoon oil and honey to 120 degrees. Add to dry ingredients and beat just until moistened. Stir in enough remaining flour to form a soft dough. Turn onto a lightly floured surface and knead until smooth and elastic. Cover and let rest 15 minutes. Grease a 15-by-10-inch baking sheet. Roll dough into a 15-by-10-inch rectangle. Transfer to baking sheet. Press dough to edges. Brush with remaining oil. Sprinkle with parsley, basil and garlic. Cover and let rise 40 minutes in warm place. Preheat oven to 400F. Bake 10 minutes. Sprinkle with cheeses. Bake 3 to 5 minutes longer to melt cheese. Cut into 20 strips. Serve warm. Yield: 20 breadsticks. ☆



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INDIANA

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IOWA

Wonderland Doll, Toy & Bear Show—Davenport, Nov. 12. Browse antique, modern and collectible dolls, toys, bears, cars, farm toys and doll-house miniatures during this show at the Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds. (563) 242-0139.

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MINNESOTA

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MISSOURI

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NEBRASKA

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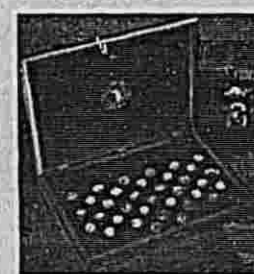
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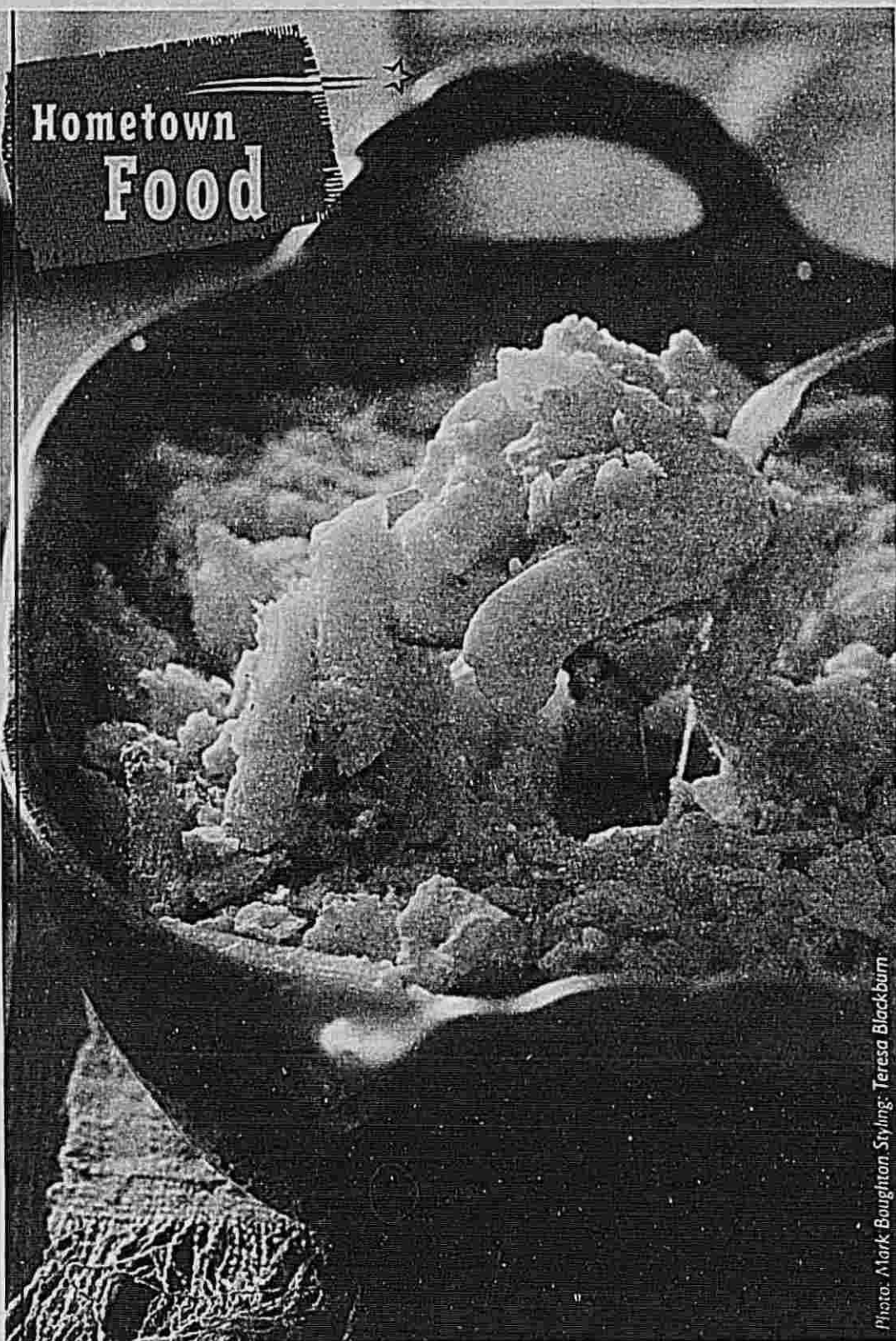


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Macaroni and Cheese

- 3 cups uncooked penne pasta
- 1 large egg
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1½ cups 2 percent low-fat milk
- 1 cup (4 ounces) shredded sharp Cheddar cheese
- 4 ounces cream cheese
- 1 cup (4 ounces) shredded Gruyère or Swiss cheese
- ¾ cup (3 ounces) freshly grated Parmesan cheese
- ⅛ teaspoon red pepper flakes
- ⅛ teaspoon salt
- ⅛ teaspoon black pepper
- 3 tablespoons butter
- 12 saltine crackers, crumbled

Cook pasta according to package directions; drain. Preheat oven to 350F. Lightly grease a 13-by-9-inch or 8-cup casserole dish. Combine egg, garlic and milk and mix well. Place pasta in a large casserole dish. Add milk mixture and remaining ingredients, except butter and crackers. Mix well with a spoon. Combine butter and crackers. Sprinkle over pasta. Bake 30 minutes or until browned and bubbly. Serves 8.

Dig into Dairy

“Got milk?” Not many folks do these days. Despite the milk-mustached celebrities peering from the pages of magazines, milk sales are down. That means calcium consumption by Americans is down, too. Nearly nine of 10 women and four of 10 men fall short on their daily calcium intake, according to U.S. Department of Agriculture surveys. And calcium intake isn't any better for kids; 70 percent of 9- to 11-year old girls do not get enough calcium.

With the recent introduction of new beverages—from teas to soft drinks to bottled waters—milk has taken a back seat. This is unfortunate because the nutrients that dairy products contain—calcium, vitamin D and protein—are extremely important for our health. They build strong bones during childhood, help maintain them during adulthood and are beneficial for people with high blood pressure and diabetes. A recent study funded by the National Dairy Council found that dairy products may even help people lose weight—especially abdominal fat, which has been linked to a higher risk for heart attack.

Here are two recipes from *Relish*, *American Profile's* sister magazine, that contain hefty doses of calcium—as much, if not more than an 8-ounce glass of milk, which contains 300 milligrams. ☆

Daily Calcium Requirements

AGE	MG/DAY
1 to 3	500
4 to 8	800
9 to 18	1300
19 to 50	1000
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Dressed-Up Tomato Soup

Turn canned tomato soup from simple to spectacular by dressing it up with cheese, sweet grape tomatoes and crispy bacon. Serve with toasted bagels.

- 1 (10 ½-ounce) can condensed tomato soup
- 1 can 2 percent low-fat milk
- 10 grape tomatoes, halved
- 2 strips bacon, cooked and crumbled
- 1 (1-ounce) mozzarella cheese stick, cut into 6 pieces
- 1 cup fresh spinach, chopped
- 2 ounces freshly grated Parmesan cheese



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Place soup in saucepan. Add milk; whisk well. Add tomatoes, bring to a low boil, reduce heat and simmer 5 minutes. Remove from heat and add bacon, mozzarella cheese and spinach. Ladle into bowls and sprinkle with Parmesan cheese. Serves 2.

Dairy Fits In Your Diet

Naturally; you want your family to have healthy, strong bones. With nine essential nutrients – calcium, protein, potassium, phosphorus, vitamins A, B-12 and D, riboflavin and niacin – dairy foods pack a powerful nutrient punch!

Research indicates that enjoying 3 servings of milk, cheese or yogurt each day as part of a reduced-calorie weight-loss plan may help adults achieve better results, when it comes to trimming the waistline, than just cutting calories alone and consuming little or no dairy. How to get the suggested three servings a day? Think milk, cheese and yogurt. And to get you started:

Calcium is one of the nutrients most likely to be lacking in the American diet and osteoporosis is a public health threat for millions of Americans. Ninety-nine percent of the calcium in the human body is stored in the bones and teeth. After your early 20's, you do not build bone mass, so the goal is keep your bones healthy the remainder of your life by doing a few simple things like including 3 daily servings of dairy in your diet.

Encouraging your family to eat 3-A-Day of dairy – 3 servings of milk, cheese or yogurt – is a deliciously easy way to help them build and maintain strong, healthy bones, muscles and teeth. With 9 essential nutrients including calcium, protein, potassium, phosphorus, vitamins A, B-12 and D, riboflavin and niacin, dairy foods pack a powerful nutrient punch!

Want an easy way to make sure you and your family get 3 servings a day of milk, cheese or yogurt? The following one serving references should help:

MILK: 8 ounces (1 cup)

NATURAL CHEESE: 1.5 ounces or about 3-4 cheese cubes

YOGURT: one 8-ounce container

To get the same amount of calcium provided by a quart of milk you would have to eat one of the following: 126 apples, 154 potatoes, 23 oranges, 38 tomatoes or 60 slices of whole wheat bread!

Keep it convenient: eating on-the-run doesn't have to mean giving up on good nutrition. Healthy options are as close as the nearest dairy aisle or drive-thru where you can find single size portions of your favorite dairy products.

The last thing on their minds is osteoporosis.

So it should be the first thing on yours.



Did you know that if your kids eat three servings of dairy a day, it can help reduce their risk of osteoporosis* years from now? That's because dairy foods supply key nutrients necessary for better bone health.

The U.S. Surgeon General's report on Bone Health and Osteoporosis recognizes the role of nutrients in dairy foods, including calcium, magnesium, phosphorus, potassium, protein, and vitamin D, that work together to help protect bones.

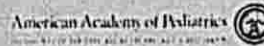
In fact, a report from the American Academy of Pediatrics states that eating calcium-rich foods such as milk, cheese and yogurt during childhood and adolescence will help build strong bones which may reduce the risk of fractures and osteoporosis later in life.

It's easy – just make sure your family gets three servings of low-fat or fat-free milk, cheese or yogurt every day, as recommended by the U.S. Dietary Guidelines for Americans. Check out MyPyramid.gov to learn more. Best of all, your family will get all this good stuff that also tastes delicious.

And it's never too late to take care of your own bone health too. Adults can help protect their bones by getting 3-A-Day™ of Dairy and participating in weight-bearing exercise. So take care of yourself and set a good example for your kids at the same time. To learn more and view the reports, visit 3aday.org. Sponsored by the National Dairy Council and supported by leading health professional organizations.

*A disease in which bones become weak and more likely to break.

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Diet Adjustments

Whether you're counting calories or trying to increase fiber in your diet, little adjustments in the food you eat can make a big difference.

When you crave a burger and are watching fat intake, do you opt for ground turkey? Unless you select ground turkey breast, you won't be making much of a difference because the fat and calories in regular ground turkey (200 calories and 11 grams fat) and ground round beef (218 calories and 13 grams fat) are nearly the same. By selecting ground turkey breast, however, you'll carve off about 40 calories and half the fat of regular ground turkey. Try the recipe for Turkey Cheeseburgers with Sun-Dried Tomato Mayonnaise, submitted by Will Nist of Cottonwood, Ariz., and you'll sacrifice none of the flavor.

When you crave something sweet, do you grab a cookie with few nutritional benefits or do you choose a treat that includes at least some healthful ingredients? While the benefits of oats, chocolate chips and walnuts certainly don't offset the calories and fat in GiGi's Oat and Chocolate Bars, submitted by Carrie Wourms of Calumet, Minn., they do provide some extra fiber, antioxidants and heart-healthy omega-3 fatty acids.

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RECIPE: Turkey Cheeseburgers with Sun-Dried Tomato Mayonnaise

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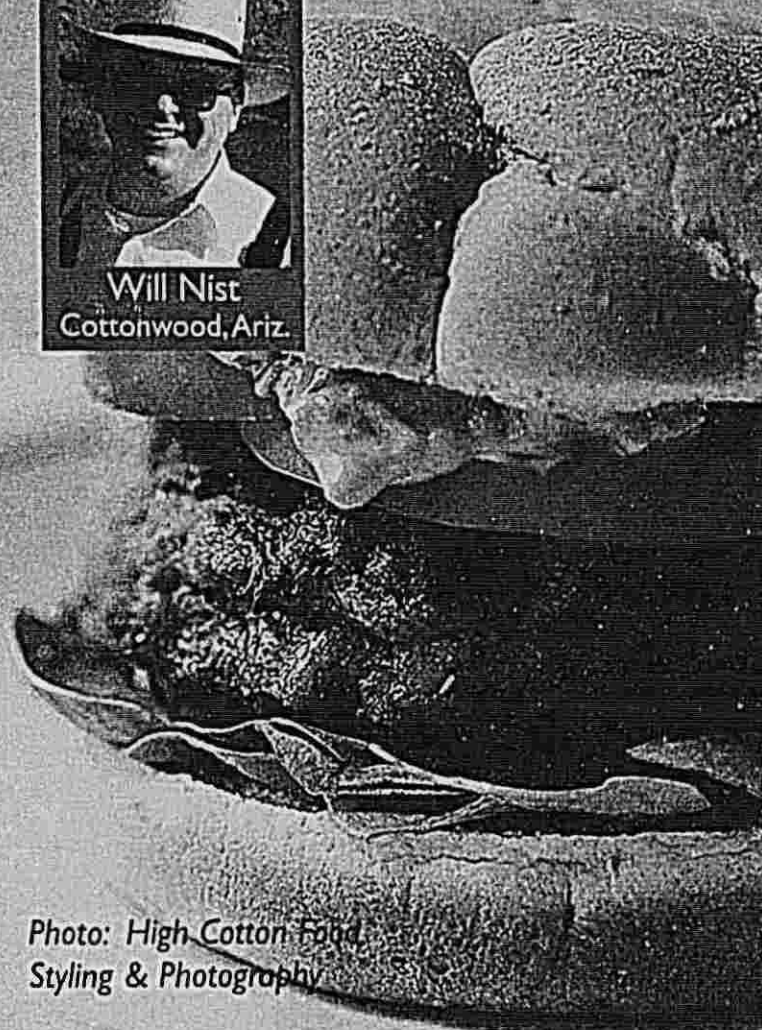


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Turkey Cheeseburgers

Burgers:

- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- 1 large shallot, chopped
- ½ teaspoon poultry seasoning
- ½ teaspoon each salt and pepper
- ¼ cup breadcrumbs
- 1½ pounds ground turkey
- 4 slices reduced-fat Cheddar cheese
- 4 burger buns, toasted

Mayonnaise:

- ¼ cup oil-packed sun-dried tomatoes, drained
- 2 teaspoons cider vinegar
- 1 tablespoon water
- ¼ cup light mayonnaise
- 1 strip bacon, cooked and crumbled

Heat oil in a nonstick skillet and sauté shallots until light golden. Stir in poultry seasoning, salt and pepper. In a large bowl, combine shallots with breadcrumbs and turkey. Divide into 8 patties. Place cheese slices on top of 4 patties. Cover with remaining patties. Pinch edges to seal. Cook burgers in same skillet about 4 minutes per side over medium-high heat or until centers are no longer pink. Serve on buns with tomato mayonnaise. To prepare mayonnaise, purée tomatoes, vinegar and water in a food processor or blender. Stir in mayonnaise and bacon. Refrigerate until ready to serve. Serves 4.

RECIPE: GiGi's Oat and Chocolate Bars

GiGi's Oat and Chocolate Bars

Batter:

- 1 cup butter, softened
- 2 cups firmly packed brown sugar
- 2 eggs
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 2½ cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 3 cups uncooked quick oats

Filling:

- 1 (12-ounce) package semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 1 (14-ounce) can sweetened condensed milk
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ cup chopped walnuts

Preheat oven to 350F. Lightly grease a 13-by-9-inch baking pan. Cream together butter and brown sugar. Add eggs and vanilla. Stir in flour, salt and baking soda. Add oats; mix well. Press two-thirds of the batter into the pan. For the filling, melt chocolate chips with milk, butter, vanilla and salt over medium heat, stirring constantly to avoid scorching. Remove from heat as soon as chocolate is melted. Pour over batter in baking pan. Sprinkle with nuts. Crumble remaining batter over filling. Bake 25 to 30 minutes or until golden brown. Cut into bars when cooled. Yield: 24 bars.



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